

MOUNT SAINT MARY'S UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES

RADICAL *Grace* 2019



Mount 
Saint Mary's
University

LOS ANGELES

VOL. 73

RADICAL

Grace

Chalon Campus
12001 Chalon Rd,
Los Angeles, CA 90049
(310) 954-4000

Doheny Campus
10 Chester Pl,
Los Angeles, CA 90007
(213) 477-2500





Radical

(Adjective)

Associated with political views, practices,
and policies of extreme change

Grace

(Noun)

Disposition to or an act or
instance of kindness, courtesy,
or clemency

Table of Contents

<i>Legacy of the Sisters</i>	4
<i>Spring Semester</i>	6
<i>Fall Semester</i>	26
<i>Featured Clubs</i>	64
<i>Seniors</i>	72
<i>Dedication Pages</i>	80
<i>Student Interviews</i>	90
<i>Retrospective</i>	92
<i>Yearbook Staff 2018-2019</i>	94
<i>A Message from the President</i>	96



In 1876, the Sisters accepted an invitation to begin a new apostolate, the education of native tribes in the Southwest.



The art of lace-making.

Legacy of the Sisters

For the dear neighbor...

Our story begins in 1650 in Le Puy, France, where the formation of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet were formed. Six ordinary women joined together, under the patronage of St. Joseph, and donned widow's garb to help those in need without distinction. The CSJ's dedicated themselves to the "practice of all spiritual and corporal works of mercy of which woman is capable and which will most benefit the dear neighbor." They helped women out of poverty and prostitution by teaching them how to make lace, which at the time was in high demand by the rich. Lace-making is what empowered women to get out of poverty. The original sisters left France to establish themselves in St. Louis, Missouri in a place named Carondolet. As America expanded westward, so did they. The sisters established provinces in St. Louis, Missouri, Tucson, California, and Los Angeles, California. In 1925, a new generation of sisters in the Los Angeles province responded to Bishop Cantwell's



The sisters ride on a horse carriage in Tucson, Arizona.



The original 7 who first came to America and traveled westward.

request to make a women's college in Los Angeles. This college became known as Mount Saint Mary's College, then later changed to Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles. The original CSJ founders of the Mount were Sister Mary Elesia Dwyer, Sister Aurelia Mary Doyle, Sister Lilia Francis Mahon, Sister Agnes Bernard Cavanaugh, Sister Mary Dolorosa Mannix, Sister Mary Celestine Quinn, Sister Mary Ignatia Cordis, with Mother Margaret Mary Brady as the president and Superior of the CSJ L.A. Province. The school graduated its first class in 1929 at the Chalon campus. In 1962, the University expanded to its second campus, known as the Doheny campus. MSMU upholds five pillars of distinction which are innovative teaching and learning, global awareness and understanding, women, community, and the spirit of the founders. The CSJ's continue to serve our dear neighbors without distinction to this day. We will forever be thankful for their service.

By: Jessica Alcocer



The sisters in the Western province focused their ministries on empowering others to personal dignity and independence.



Sisters were asked to staff schools and help in the war effort during World War II.



In 1876, Tucson, Arizona became home to the CSJ Western province.

The CSJ's traveled by train from St. Louis to San Francisco, by steamer from San Francisco to San Diego, and by covered wagon from San Diego to Tucson.



CSJ's celebrate women's day.



CSJ's advocate for women's leadership.



Early students of Mount Saint Mary's College show off their degrees along with CSJ's.



Sisters collaborate with others in building a house.



In 1890, all the houses in Arizona and California were temporarily under the St. Louis, Missouri, Province.





SPRING 2018

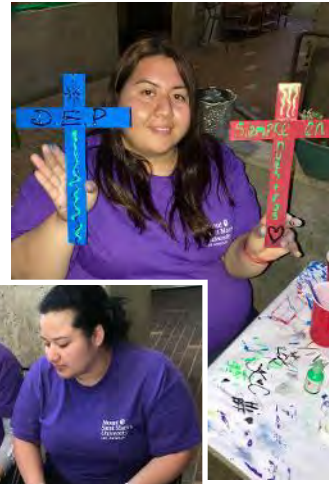
Alternative Spring Break

Athenians fighting for social justice.

Being a participant of the Alternative Spring Break Program was a life changing experience. Students, including myself, volunteered with the Border Angels of San Diego to learn first-hand about the social justice of immigration. Knowing that my parents once lived a similar experience really affected me throughout my journey. During the trip, we took a two hour walk to see the wall that has separated so many families. One of the most meaningful feelings that hit me when I came home was gratitude for my parents. I am forever grateful for all the sacrifices they have made for my family and for myself. I will forever be grateful for this experience because it helped me grow and understand the sufferings some people endure. This trip has motivated me to pursue a career that helps fight against these injustices.

By: Emily Saucedo

Emily Saucedo decorated crosses to put on graves for immigrants that passed away trying to live the American Dream.



(Left to Right) Cassandra Luna and Metzi Medina made sandwiches for the men who spend their day searching for jobs outside of Home Depot.

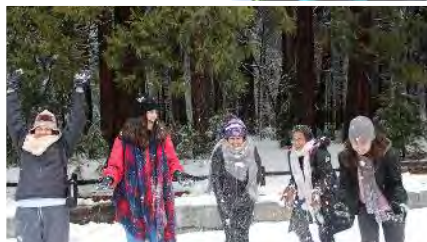
Mount Weekender

A snowy spring in Yosemite.

I had the privilege to attend Mount Weekender with the encouragement of my commuter mentor. It was a beautiful opportunity to step away from the busy world, bond with other students, and appreciate the peace in the mountains of Yosemite in a profoundly new way. We took part in activities such as hiking and touring the national landmark. We all were able to create special memories to cherish forever. I hope the Mount will continue this amazing activity for students.

By: Helen Umana

The attendees posed at one of the stops along the Yosemite Valley Floor Tour. Each stop held a beautiful view that was covered in snow.



Students engaged in a snow ball fight. Patricia Arias, Isabel Villarreal, Xeña Pena, Carmen Ramos, and Justine Lozano, along with other students, were, "waiting for the bus to arrive, but it took too long so [they] played in the snow".



Shannon Kummer takes a picture by the beautiful mountains as the sun shines.

CSJ Appreciation Day



(Left to Right) Sr. Mary Sevilla, Sr. Eileen Mitchell, Sr. James Therese Joseph, Sr. Teresita Espinosa, Sr. Callista Roy, Sr. Paulanne Munch, along with other CSJ's attend CSJ Appreciation Day.



President Ann McElaney-Johnson gives a speech to commemorate the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.



Sr. Callista Roy poses with the dancers from the Hawaiian club, Na Pua O Ka 'Aina, who performed for the sisters.



(Left to Right) Sr. Mary Sevilla, Sarah Tuttle, Sr. Teresita Espinosa enjoy eating sweets together at the event.

We give thanks to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

CSJ Appreciation day was about appreciating the sisters and everything they have done for the school, said one of the event coordinators, Jocelyn Mejia, Student Affairs Coordinator. The event began with a retelling of the story of the sisters emphasizing their impact on the school. The CSJ's were happy to be in attendance and were given gifts such as books and flowers as tokens of appreciation. Members of Na Pua O Ka' Aina, the Hawaiian club gave a performance. Other students in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to connect with the sisters and thank them personally for all of their hard work. The CSJ's give generously to the university and help raise money for scholarships enabling students to attend MSMU. The Sisters truly have all of our thanks.

By: Jessica Alcocer

Report on the Status of *Women and Girls*

Bloomberg Television journalist
Emily C. Chang signs copies of her
book, "Brotopia: Breaking up the
Boys' Club of Silicon Valley."



Some of the
guests at
the public
release of
the Report.



Speakers at the 2018 public release event of The Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California™ included, from left, Standing: Emily Musil-Church, Ph.D., Senior Director of Xprize; Lisa Mae Brunson, founder, Wonder Woman Tech; Somjita Mitra, Ph.D., Director of the Institute for Applied Economics at the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation; seated: Holly Gordon, Chief Impact Officer, Participant Media; Veronica Juarez, Senior Director of Business Initiatives at Lyft; Judith Williams, Ph.D., formerly of Google and Dropbox, and now an adviser to the ReFrame Project with Women in Film and the Sundance Institute; and Shereen Marisol Meraji, Co-host of NPR's Code Switch podcast and a correspondent for NPR's All Things Considered.



President Ann McElaney-Johnson speaks to hundreds of guests in regards to promoting women in leadership positions.



Mount Saint Mary's Trustee Joe Burschinger, center, with guests from event sponsor Guggenheim Investments.

Gender Inequalities in the Workforce

The Report on the Status of Women and Girls was an eye-opening experience that showed there is still a great amount of work needed to be done in terms of equality for women. The new report revealed that women in California are being unequally represented in fast-growing and high-paying fields, such as science, medicine, engineering and technology. Women still lag behind men in professional and educational institutions. For over the past decade, there have not been drastic changes to the employment of women in leadership positions. In the film industry, women are not represented in the media either in front of or behind the camera. Only 17% of females have worked behind the scenes in the top 250 domestic grossing films. As a young female student majoring in film, it is upsetting to see the film industry, along with other fields, dominated by men. During the event, I noticed that even the photographer and cameraman were both men. Many women spoke out during the event to emphasize the importance of unity. In order to bring about change, women must continue speaking out and discussing the improvements that need to be made. The event brought together over 800 women who spoke about other social and employment obstacles that women face. Society is failing to reach its full economic potential with the oppression of female workers who are more than qualified to work. Diversity in the work place brings about new perspectives that could help solve social issues.

By: Jessica Alcocer and Evelyn Avila

International Culture and *Language Fair*

Cultural Talent and Fashion Show

Performers pose with
the Language
department after a
cultural filled showcase.



Groups of students supported their
fellow Athenians by cheering them
on during their performances.



Angel Iwuoma and Chidozie Umekwe-Odudu perform a traditional Igbo dance called Ogene.



Roses and books were given away to students in honor of "International Book Day" during the fair.

On April 3, 2018, the Department of Language and Culture hosted the 4th International Language and Culture Festival where it showcased the many talents, cultures and traditions that encompass the Mount community. The event, held in the Circle included a cultural talent and fashion show competition, a Korean themed lunch, and a Korean author. Several international clubs and organizations such as the French and Spanish clubs, as well as, Sakura Society participated. Free

books and roses, sponsored by MSMU Libraries in honor of "International Book Day", were given away. A special addition to this year's festival was a performance by UCLA's Bruin Bhangra Club, sponsored by the Student Programming and Commuter Services office. Along with the celebration of the variety of cultures and talents that make-up the university, the participation from faculty, staff and students made this event a great success!

By: Vernice Grajeda



Mariah Martinez jumps down the jumper, provided by the Mount, with a giant smile on her face.



Stephanie Vasquez and Samantha Garcia pose with silly glasses and props.

Spring *Carnival*

Jumping Into Spring

The spring semester was going by quickly. Finals and graduation for our seniors were approaching. Students were overwhelmed with the work load; however, the Mount created fun activities for students to unwind. Games were spread across the Circle along with a cotton candy machine, a jumper, and a delicious lunch for students. The Mount even brought a DJ to set the mood with accelerating music. Students took a break from their studies and came down to the Circle to celebrate at the radiant Spring Carnival.

By: Evelyn Avila



Juliana Ayala tried her luck in a very close game of Jenga.



Ja'Nya Mack, Teirah Bolden, and Liliana Ruiz compete in an over-sized game of Operation.

Admitted *Students Day*

New Unstoppable Athenians

Parents, high school seniors, and college transfer students eagerly entered the Chalon campus. You could feel the nervous and excited emotions that floated in the air. Students sat in their seats and watched as their future flashed before their eyes. Students felt apart of the Mount community almost immediately. Current enrolled students volunteered and welcomed the new faces. As information sessions began, parents and their children sought help in locating rooms because of the unfamiliar campus. However, once they figured out where all the sessions were, they comfortably walked around as part of the student body instead of just visitors. Each informational session gave the students knowledge of who they can seek if they have

questions regarding study abroad, financial aid, or academic programs. Each student felt welcomed by every staff and volunteer student that were there every step of the way. After the sessions, some students had the opportunity to stay overnight with a resident. That was an amazing experience that gave the admitted students a chance to experience how their academic year would be at the Mount. Activities followed that night so overnight students could make connections with former students. This gave them the opportunity to make friends before they start the fall semester. Admitted Students Day gave helpful information for new students, while building long time friendships.

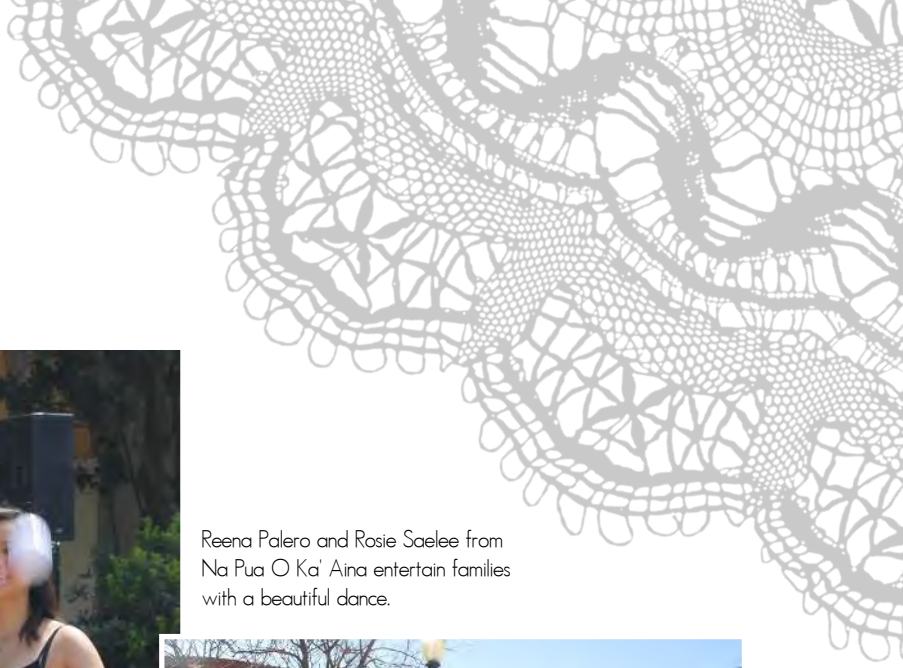
By: Evelyn Avila



Helen Umana served as a guide for new students and their families.



Brenda Cruz and Pearl Abuy welcome and direct new students throughout the day.



Reena Palero and Rosie Saelee from Na Pua O Ka' Aina entertain families with a beautiful dance.



Julie Lazaire photographs her first day as an Athenian. Before heading to information session, Julie takes in "the beautiful views at the Mount". Her experience at the Mount will be "unstoppable".



Students, Monique Bracamonte, Cristina Aloha Cabalquinto, Vanessa Gonzalez, Karla Guardado-Segura, Aimee Hernandez, Kelsey Harrigan, Julia Johnson, Emma Kroll, Francesca Martin, Melissa Martinez, Allison Mayol, Noely Mendez, Desarey Morales-Vazquez, Michella Mousaed, Mariana Porras, and Rebecca Sandoval receive the President's Award in recognition of their campus leadership, contributions, and personal accomplishments.

Mary's Day

Let there be light.

As Mount Saint Mary's University's 93rd school year drew to a close, the school honored the graduating class of 2018. Mary's Day started in 1934 as part of the University's annual commemoration of Mother Mary. It was not until 1956 that it was expanded into an honors and awards convocation. Mary's Day honored 200 students who exemplify Mary's spirit of courage, inspiration, and service. The Mount honored nearly 70 seniors graduating cum laude, magna cum laude and summa cum laude, as well as 11 senior leadership scholars and 14 honors program graduates. The graduating class of 2018 will surely make their mark in this world!

By: Jessica Alcocer



The recipients of this day were invited to Mary's statue to commemorate their accomplishments. The awards concluded with the traditional crowning of the statue of Mary by the President's Award recipients.

Laurel Day



Students pose for a picture alongside Dr. Rosalyn Kempf and President Ann McElaney-Johnson.



[Above from left to right] Yoseline Mejia, Lucero Hernandez, Justine Hsiao, Kia Frazier-Humphrey, Abigail Cowo, Flor Carpio, Susan Cacique, recieved the Laurel Wreath Award.



Xenia Vidal-Marquez and Isabel Soto received the Excellence in Political Science Award by the President.

Lighting Up the World

Laurel Awards is the end-of-the-year celebration for the Traditional Undergraduate Students of Mount Saint Mary's University, Doheny campus. Modeled on the ancient Greek custom of bestowing laurel wreaths on the victors in the Olympics, this celebration is designated as a time to recognize our students deserving special honors. Originating in 1974, this award celebration recognizes student successes and academic achievements, Athenian service, and leadership with faculty, staff, administration, fellow students, and family. This event is one highlight of the Mount Saint Mary's University student experience of academic excellence and "serving thy dear neighbor without distinction" in the spirit of our CSJ founders. We remember the Mount's motto "Deus illuminatio mea" (God is my light) in this celebration, reminding students to always use their gifts to bring light to the world.

By: Menise Lyons

Luau

A Hawaiian Renaissance

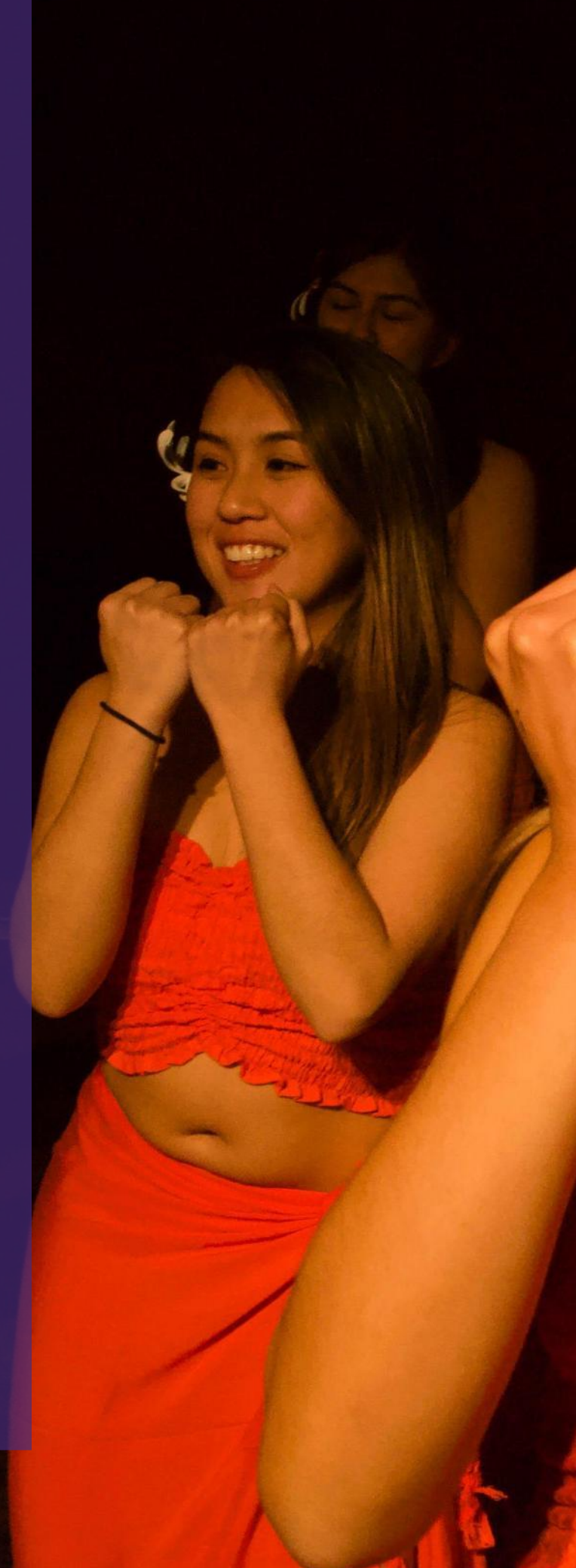
Luau is a chance for students to perform for their family and friends and learn more about the Polynesian cultures. This year Na Pua O Ka 'Aina celebrated its 20th anniversary with the theme, Ola Hou: A Hawaiian Renaissance. The club showcased authenticity of the Hawaiian culture by telling the tale of Eddie Aikau, a renowned Hawaiian surfer who helped the resurgence of his culture. As part of the executive board, I enjoyed spreading the history of Hawaii to the Mount community and giving insight to what Hawaii really is about. It is the most anticipated event of the school year for me. The stress, the prepping, and the time is all worth it once you step onto the stage.

By: Reena Palero

My Experience

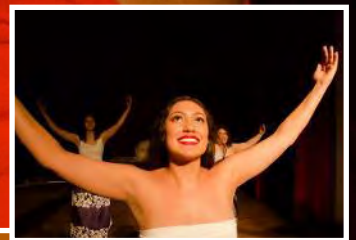
Na Pua O Ka 'Aina holds their annual Luau every Spring and invites friends and family to celebrate the Hawaiian Polynesian culture. After eating a delicious dinner in the Campus Center, guests were escorted to the Hannon Theater to see a show put on by students. I had the opportunity to participate as a dancer. After weeks of practice, it was such a rewarding feeling to experience the final performance with lights, costumes and music. Dances included more relaxed numbers such as Hula and Aparaima, and more dynamic, upbeat ones like Poi Balls and Tahitian. The fun and exciting energy definitely gave everyone in the audience a night to remember. Participating in Luau has helped contribute to my phenomenal experience here at the Mount, and I look forward to participating again next year.

By: Justine Lozano





Celeste Ramirez performs the Samoan dance with other Mount students.



[Above] Cristina (Aloha) Cabalquinto accepts a lei for her four year participation in Luau. [Left] Mount students perform the Tahitian dance in front of family and friends.



Graduation

The Start of a New Beginning

Eager students lined up on the lawn of the Doheny campus. The morning began with a heartwarming Graduation Mass that was held at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Students walked from the Doheny campus to the church with big smiles. Each had their own stories and began the school as strangers, but they all managed to make friendships and graduate as one class full of strong and powerful men and women. The Mass was filled with families and friends who have supported the students during their journey at the University. It was a beautiful ceremony where students had the opportunity to touch into their beliefs and give thanks for their past accomplishments and future successes.

In the afternoon, graduates and families gathered at L.A.'s Shrine Auditorium. Over 1,000 students in the Class of 2018 received their bachelor's and associates degrees during the Undergraduate Commencement. The Undergraduate Commencement speaker was Va Lecia Adams Kellum, Ph.D., CEO and president of the St. Joseph Center. During her speech, Adams Kellum shared with the students that, "By being a part of the CSJ circle we have learned a set of beliefs, values and principles such as caring for those in need, advocating for people who are struggling, serving the homeless and restoring hope in people who are hopeless". She left the graduates with a powerful reminder to make a difference with their individual strengths that is related to their purpose.



Michella Mousaed leads the graduating class to the church.



Students pose after the Commencement ceremony at L.A.'s Shrine Auditorium.



Emma Kroll takes in her last moments with her fellow classmates.



Students gather with their lit candles.



Sister Teresita Espinosa lights the candle of students during the Commencement Mass.





Dr. Jane Lingua participates in the Doheny Orientation Closing Prayer Service and shares the event program with students.



The incoming Doheny students gather with their O-group leaders after their second day at Orientation.



Incoming Doheny students have the opportunity to meet other students with similar interests.



Doheny O-group 14 playfully poses a game of hide and go seek with their O-group leader, Gabriela Quintanilla.

Doheny

The Class of 2022 arrived to Orientation with a mixture of nerves and eagerness. Dr. Jane Lingua welcomed students to the Mount, encouraging everyone to get involved and meet new people. O-groups were introduced and ice-breakers began. At the end of the first night, future Athenians gathered in Mercy Chapel and participated in a candlelit prayer. Students had the chance to reflect on their first day of Orientation and bring it to a beautiful close.

The second day of Orientation was full of more workshops for the incoming students. O-groups had the chance to meet up one last time before parting ways until the fall. Students were exchanging numbers and following each other on social media. Everyone then gathered at Rose Hills Auditorium where the incoming freshman class received their fleur-de-lis pins, officially welcoming them to the Mount community.

By: Carmen Ramos



Our students share a laugh with a CSJ!

Orientation Day



Chalon incoming freshmen make new friends at the Mount. Orientation gave them the opportunity to connect with other students who shared similar interests.



Chalon O-group one playfully poses for a group photo. Freshmen students pretend to rescue one of their friends who has fallen off the mountain.



On their first day of Orientation students make their way to the opening session for the start of Orientation.

Chalon

For two days in June, the Chalon campus was brimming with future Athenians as they got their first glimpse of life at the Mount. Upon checking in, incoming freshmen got to meet and bond with their O-group. The Circle was lively as each O-group brainstormed which pose to strike for their group picture. After gathering in Hannon Theatre for an orientation welcome, future Athenians began their two days full of information, workshops, and networking.

Commuter students got a chance to connect with fellow commuters and hear from a student panel in the Commuter Connections workshop. The Living in Community workshop gave residents the chance to meet their future neighbors and roommates. Everyone heard Autumn Johnson, director of Sports and Wellness, talk about the Wellness Movement, the future Wellness Pavilion, and upcoming events. At the Engagement Expo, clubs and organizations gave students a sneak peek into student life on campus. The CSJ's got to know the incoming freshmen over dinner on Thursday and Mount alumnae ate and talked with students on Friday.

As per usual, Orientation ended with everyone gathered in the Chapel for a prayer service and the closing. Future Athenians received their fleur-de-lis pins from their O-group leaders, making them part of the Mount family. Welcome to the Mount, Class of 2022!

By: Carmen Ramos



The incoming freshman class smile vibrantly with their O-group leaders after their eventful 2-day Orientation.



The ACSSJ Pilgrimage group posing in front of the chapel of Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhe, where many Sisters came to pray.



Daisy Cruz and Caitlyn Keeve are at the top of the chapel of Saint-Michel d'Aiguilhe, which was built in 969 AD.



The group gathers in front of the Cathedral in Le Puy, France. The Cathedral of Le Puy was built between the 12th and 13th Centuries and receives thousands of visitors throughout the year, who begin the 6-week walk on the Camino de Santiago de Compostela at the church. The church also houses a Black Madonna, venerated for centuries.

Le Puy

They Taught us to Move Mountains

At Mount Saint Mary's University, we are well aware of the fact that our Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet educate women. Many of us [faculty members] are privileged to claim sisters as teachers, mentors, colleagues and friends; they show us daily how to love the dear neighbor and respond to the needs of the times. Our sisters come from a long history of courageous and inspiring women who began this work more than 365 years ago in Le Puy, France, where six women gathered in 1650 to minister to their neighbors most in need. With the support of a Jesuit priest, Jean-Pierre Medaille, these women became one of the first apostolic movements of women religious, serving beyond the cloister walls and out in the city streets.

This summer Caitlyn Keeve '20 and Daisy Cruz '20 went on the first Association of Colleges of Sisters of St. Joseph (A.C.S.S.J.) Pilgrimage to Le Puy en Velay, France. Le Puy holds a very meaningful place for The Mount's history because of its connection to the Sisters of Saint Joseph of Carondelet. Each day the students were challenged to connect their personal goals and spirituality with the incredible journey of the Sisters in Le Puy.

The daily walking tours were facilitated by Sister Kitty Hanley and Sister Joan Lescinski. While walking the cobblestone streets and simultaneously being in the space where many of the original Sisters faced terrible persecution for their faith, the pilgrimage group broke the barriers of time and connected so deeply with the spirits of the truly dauntless St. Joseph women in 1650 France. Keeve'20 reflected, "Because of this trip, I more clearly understand how important it is to know and value history, because of its power to inform our decision making today. As a student at the Mount, I am grateful to be a part of this legacy of bravery, generosity, and resilience. The city of Le Puy left me with the impression that with God in community, ordinary people can 'accomplish infinitely more than what could ever be imagined' (Ephesians 3:20)."

By: Shannon Green and Caitlyn Keeve





FALL 2018

Welcome Week

Athenians are welcomed back with events to adjust to the school year.

Welcome Week Mass

It was the first Sunday back to school. Students were finishing unpacking their belongings in their dorm, goodbye kisses given to their parents, and the start of a new school year was around the corner. Before the stresses and anxieties of a new semester start, the school welcomed everyone to the Welcome Mass, regardless of religion. Spirits were blessed and snacks were given afterwards.

By: Jessica Alcocer



Students and Campus Ministry gather outside Mary Chapel to commemorate the new school!

Talks With Dean Crow

It was the first week of school and everybody was rushing to find their next class. Along the way, a friendly face, Dean Laura Crow, was there to greet them. Dean Crow, the Dean of Student Life, was there to meet students and answer questions about their classes, transportation, or about the Mount in general. Students were excited to participate in the raffle, meet the Dean, and grab a snack just in time for their upcoming class.

By: Jessica Alcocer



Dean Crow kindly poses for the camera awaiting for students to arrive.

Wellness Weekend Pool Party

On the first Saturday of the school year, the Wellness Weekend Pool Party was hosted where all students were welcomed to play games by the pool. Some were disappointed to learn that the pool was closed for repair but stayed and made the most of their time with complementary food and snacks. Charlotte Davis was playing a game of Jenga with a friend who said, "Charlotte, you're such a cheater. We will never finish this game."

By: Amaya Caballero



Charlotte Davis finishes her second game of Jenga by the tower falling towards her.

(Left to right) Melanie Corral, Elizabeth Shokoya, Natalie Garcia, Eden Ong, and Brytanya Le play a game of Suhi Go Party!



(left to right) Marilyn Castro, Bridgette Varela, Emily Miramontes, and Jennifer Alvarado pose together during a quick break for the group to catch up and take a breather.



Fire Trail and S'mores

During the first part of Welcome Week, students were welcomed to a group hike along the fire trail at Chalon hosted by Sports and Wellness. One of the hikers, Bridgette Varela, says that she joined the hike "to bond with other girls and experience the same thing with others outside of the classroom." After a two mile hike, everyone met at the Fitness Center for some delicious s'mores.

By: Amaya Caballero



Ivy Yu and Natalie Garcia roast their marshmallows for s'mores. "I decided to join the hike to explore away from the main part of campus, pretty much to [get out and] do something," says Yu.

John Malgapu pushes away from Anthony Tavera in the hopes of scoring.



Sports Night

Coming back from summer vacation is never easy. The Wellness Center gave students the opportunity to take a break from their chaotic studies to use the court. Students gathered and joined in on a variety of games, such as soccer, basketball, and volleyball. Students scrimmaged against each other to blow off steam. People came in groups or alone but friendships were made by the end of the night.

By: Evelyn Avila



Deo Acoba shows off his skills with an impressive layup against his friends.



Mariah Martinez hits the volleyball to her teammates during their friendly match.

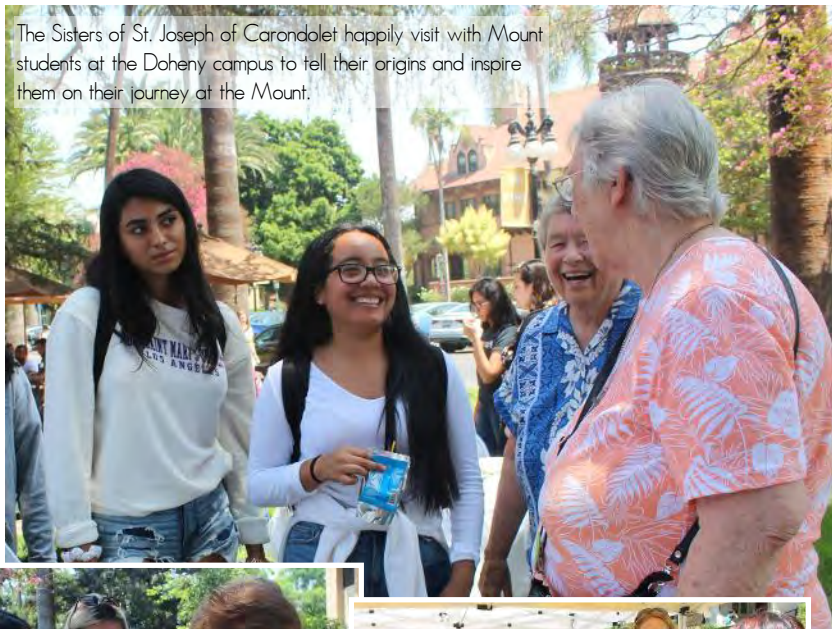
Welcome Week

Meet the CSJs

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet greeted students with the history of our school and the ones who came before us. The students connected with the CSJs over life experiences and school work. Despite being generations apart, everyone was brought together by the history of the founders.

By: Jessica Alcocer

The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet happily visit with Mount students at the Doheny campus to tell their origins and inspire them on their journey at the Mount.



(Left:) Students speak with a CSJ about their experience at the Mount and to get to know each other more.

(Right:) Students and CSJs alike listen to Emma Frias talk about completing an activity that students can do after speaking with the sisters which includes writing down a phrase which best describes their goals while attending the Mount.



Mount in the City: *Viva La Tradicion!*



The iconic Steven Sandoval stunned and charmed us all with his resounding voice while pairs of dancers in various traditional attire twirled about throughout the stage.

We eagerly gathered into the Ford Theater for a night filled with mariachis, ballet folklórico, astounding vocals, and comedy. The bows on the violins glided so quickly, the guitar strings wriggled with joy, and the trumpets belted out with pride. Our excitement significantly rose when an all women's mariachi group took to the front and dazzled us with their performance. For some of us, this was our first encounter with these cultural arts, but for all of us, this was a night we would talk about for years to come.

By: Jennifer Frias

Mount students attempt the bicycle blender at the Mount Carnival. It was tough at first, but she eventually got the hang of it. The smoothies turned out delicious!



Mount Carnival

The Mount Carnival was a splendid success! When students got out of their class, they were welcomed by the view of carnival games, smoothies, churros, cotton candy, and gourmet popcorn! Mount students were having fun playing ring toss, star dart, hi-strike, along with other great games. One student was even able to score 10,000 points on hi-strike! Mount Wellness was even there to provide students with unlimited smoothies that were blended with a bicycle! They were delicious!

By: Jessica Alcocer

(Left:) Students attempts the Hi-Strike to try to get the best score as she can! Her friends cheer her on as she swings the hammer. (Right:) "Ring Toss" and "Star-a-Dart" were some of the games that were offered at the carnival. Mount students were having a wonderful time playing them. Some of them even came back for a second round. The most competitive ones were there for the longest.



A student gets help on how they can register to vote.



Savannah Pelletier signs up for Sakura Society.



Priscilla Gonzalez and Michelle Montiel invite students to take part in Latinas Unidas. According to Priscilla, "Latinas Unidas is a great way to build friendships."

Student Involvement Fair

As Welcome Week comes to an end, the Student Involvement Fair allowed students to explore the numerous clubs and activities found here on campus. The Circle was packed with a variety of organizations looking to recruit new members. Nevertheless, it was the free ice-cream that drew in the largest crowd. With lots of complimentary food and games, the Student Involvement Fair was a fun way for students to find their niche on campus.

By: Apekshya Nepal

Mass of the Holy Spirit

A spiritual start to the new school year

Every year, students, faculty, and staff from both Chalon and Doheny come together to pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in the upcoming school year. The Mass of the Holy Spirit is a centuries-old tradition of Catholic higher education, originating with the very first European Universities of the Middle Ages. To honor this tradition, students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear red. President Ann McElaney-Johnson started with some inspirational words reminding us to keep on persevering no matter how difficult things may seem at the moment.

The Mass, led by Father Ernald, was a beautiful service and a great opportunity for students to have a moment of reflection before the stresses of the school year began. And for many first-year students, the Mass of the Holy Spirit was an opportunity to learn more about the rich history and traditions of our school.

After Mass, students were able to enjoy a nice lunch on Doheny's north lawn. With great music to go along with the amazing food, it was the prefect ending.

By: Apekshya Nepal

Students place different pieces of cloth on the altar to represent the diversity seen here at the Mount



Father Ernald starts off Mass by reading some inspirational passages from the Bible.



After a successful Mass, President Ann McElaney-Johnson and Father Ernald exit the church with smiles on their faces.



The altar is covered with different cloths from cultures throughout the world, representing the great diversity of the Mount community. The gifts brought to the altar represent our very lives, offered to God: gifts of food and money for the poor, and gifts of bread and wine to be transformed into the body of Christ.



Students receive communion which symbolize the body and blood of Christ.



Students join the Mount Choir as they sing several hymns as an expression of their devotion to God.

First Year student, Shanika Chowdhury, says she enjoyed Mass because "even though Mass is a Catholic tradition, MSMU has done a wonderful job of respecting other faiths and has made the event an amazing communal experience for all".

The Graduate School Fair

It is never too late to start planning.

Fall semester usually means the start of a new school year, the beginning of making new memories, or being so close to graduation for some of our students. However, fall semester is also a time where graduate schools open applications for incoming students.

The Graduate School Fair gave Mount students a chance to meet grad school counselors and get answers for any burning questions that they may have. It gave students a chance to look into schools that they were possibly thinking about and to explore the many school options.

Schools such as Biola, USC, Pepperdine, UCLA, Loyola law school, were in attendance, including our very own MSMU grad school programs.

The Fair gave students a glimpse into their possible future, but wherever our students go, the Mount will always have their support.

By: Jessica Alcocer



(Above) Kimberly Bernal visited Claremont Graduate University to learn more about their programs and see if her future lies with them. (Right) Francesca Gunther looks over a grad school college catalog. She, along with other students, were curious about what the Graduate School Fair had to offer.



Mount in the City: *Dodger Stadium*



After eagerly signing up as soon as tickets went on sale, a group of Mount students and staff attended the Los Angeles Dodgers versus San Diego Padres baseball game at Dodger stadium. Everyone sat in the All You Can Eat Pavilion and was able to eat all the Dodger Dogs to their heart's content. Even though the Dodgers lost 3 to 5, everyone was able to enjoy a night out with friends.

By: Amaya Caballero

To remember the evening, a group photo of everyone who attended the game just before singing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" for the seventh inning stretch.

Study *Abroad*



Dr. Michelle Melendres invites students to join her on a global trip, "to expose themselves to a new culture. It is a great way to find yourself and go beyond your comfort zone."



Melanie Corral speaks from her own travel experiences to encourage students to study abroad. For her, "studying abroad was a great way to explore the world and build leadership, communication, and relationship skills."



Students speak with a representative about programs that best fit their agenda.

Kayla Vasquez hopes to study away, "before life gets too busy with families and career opportunities." She knows studying abroad is a possibility for her because, "the school really helps financially and wants students to experience different cultures."

Come Fly With the Mount

Each year students are presented with the Study Away Fair. Representatives from different study away programs speak with students individually about the opportunities they have to study abroad. The Mount offers students great programs and financial aid so that they can experience a new culture and educational curriculum. As students get older, they become more focused on their careers and miss the opportunity to experience the world. Studying abroad gives students the chance to step in the shoes of other people and understand their culture. It builds leadership skills, communication skills, and relationship skills.

By: Evelyn Avila

Women's

Leadership Conference

Responding to the Call: Leading in Times of Change

At the 2018 Women's Leadership Conference, students met with other female industry leaders to enhance their skills professionally and on a personal level.

Emerald Archer, Ph.D. kicked off the event by promoting gender equality in the state of California, utilizing the Mount's Center for the Advancement of Women's gender equity research. Dr. Susanne Bennett's presentation on how many women are "falling victim to superwoman syndrome" emphasizes how

women should live a more balanced life that will allow them to live a happier and healthy life.

Jacqui Burge led the conference closing session with a mindful moment to relax from the numerous sessions hosted throughout the Humanities building. Lastly, Joy Donnell, Amy Denoon, Maggie Q, and Jess Weiner shared how self-care enables us to thrive not only professionally, but personally and within our respected community.

By: Amaya Caballero



(Left to Right) Brittney Plascencia Saldana, Christine Hernandez, Karla Guzman, Dr. Rosalyn Kempf, and Natalie Gayles pose together for a group photo in front of the conference banner. Dr. Kempf says that "The Women's Leadership Conference is a wonderful opportunity for our students to learn and network with amazing female leaders from a variety of industries and professional backgrounds. We hope that students left feeling empowered and excited to lead and make a difference!"



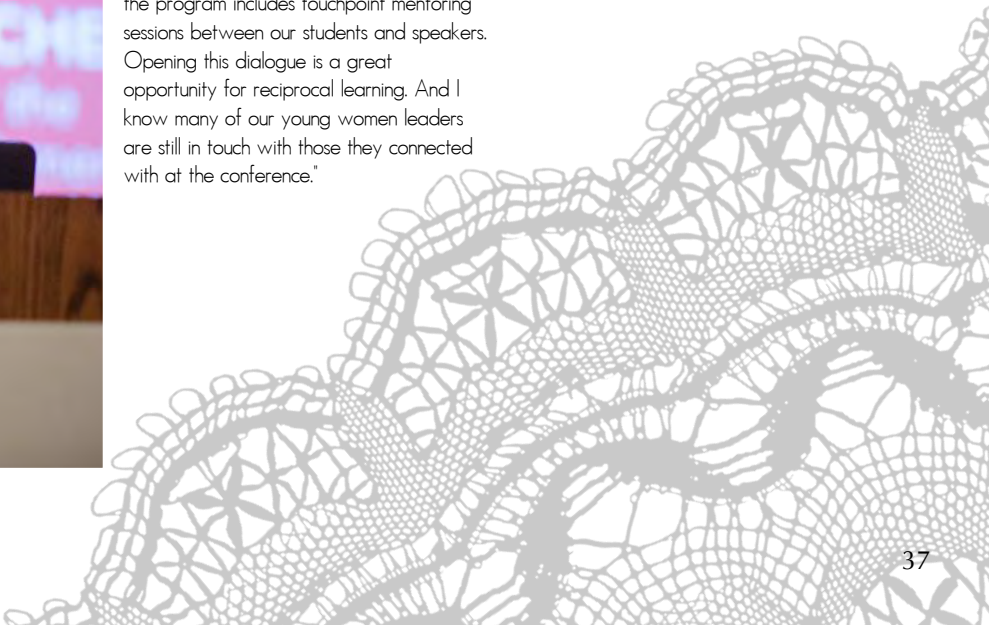
Daisy Cruz talks with her conference mentor Lindy Huang Werges about her past experience at the Women's Leadership Conference and gave her advice on how to find internships in the film industry. "Attending the Women's Leadership Conference gave me a feeling of empowerment. Learning and connecting to so many amazing women gave me the opportunity to discover what I want to do in the future. I enjoyed listening to personal stories from the panelists and learning the tips and tricks about self-care," says Cruz.



[Left] Alexis Menendez laughs at a joke said by a colleague while on break between sessions.
[Right] Cynthia Cadena speaks with other event organizers for the conference while walking around.



Dr. Emerald Archer, the Director of the Center for the Advancement of Women spoke at the opening session for the Women's Leadership Conference about some of the Center's recent work and achievements. Dr. Archer shares, "if I had to identify one thing, I love to see professional women mentoring Mount Saint Mary's University students. For the past two years, the program includes touchpoint mentoring sessions between our students and speakers. Opening this dialogue is a great opportunity for reciprocal learning. And I know many of our young women leaders are still in touch with those they connected with at the conference."



Legislator in *Residence*

We Are the Future

Senator Holly Mitchell and Senator Connie Leyva shared their journey on how they earned their positions as Senators of the State. The Senators shared the discrimination they face in their field as women and express that the challenges and oppression from the current administration does not make their efforts for change feasible. The discrimination against women only empowers both Senators to fight for a difference within the work place and within policies regarding women's health. They encouraged students that they must vote for their future to ensure less/no sexual harassment in the workplace, equal pay and access to reproductive rights. On their end, the Senators shared that they are doing as much as they can to create change but they encourage students to vote and become involved. It is imperative that students, especially women, vote because the current presidency has set women back and devalued all of the hard work women have been doing in the past years.

The Senators emphasize that women are supposed to be in leadership roles and encourage women to believe in their capabilities and envision the end goal they have for themselves. Senator Holly Mitchell shares that during early years of adulthood, she knew she wanted to be involved in politics. She knew she was a leader from the beginning and recognized her skills for translating for people. She lets students know that they do not have to be an elected official to create change. Focusing on your end goal will keep away any distractions that are around students, such as social media, and allow students to focus on their lives rather than just what will happen after graduation.

By: Evelyn Avila





Students listen closely to the Senators as they discuss the importance of voting for the up coming Midterm elections. [View](#)



Dr. Rosalyn Kempf speaks with other colleagues before the Senators began their panel discussion.



Mount's Got Talent

Athenians have Noteworthy Talent

Mount's Got Talent gave students an opportunity to showcase their talents and with so many amazing performances, it is clear there is no shortage of talent here at the Mount. With singing, dancing and even an impromptu comedy show, the night was a perfect way for students to unwind and enjoy a great show. The audience could not get enough and many asked for an encore. Along with lots of audience support, each performer received a prize to take home. For some audience members, all the excitement gave them the courage to get on stage and give a performance of their own during the open mic portion of the night.

By: Apekshya Nepal



Cecilia Lucas gave an amazing acoustic performance of "Take me to Church" by Hosiery.



Sarah Cortines created an original mashup composed of her own song alongside some popular tunes which was a big hit.



Meghan Mai performed "Make You Feel My Love" by Adele beautifully.

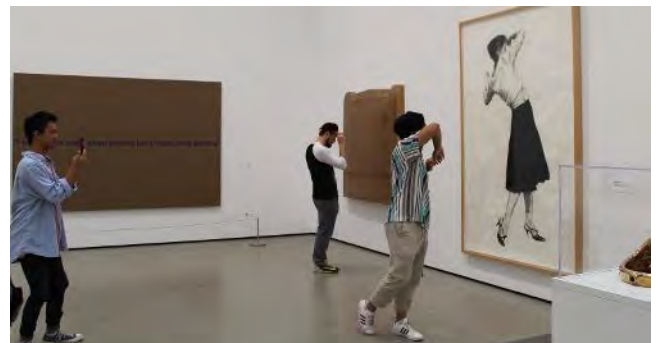


Katherine Ordonez's performance of "Siren" by Sunmi was full of energy and an audience favorite.

Mount in the City: *The Broad*

On an early Saturday morning, students went to The Broad art museum and were given a guided tour and an hour to themselves. After admiring the exhibits and posing for aesthetic photos for Instagram, everyone walked together in a group to the Grand Central Market for delicious pizza and thankfully everyone was able to find a seat during the busy lunch hour.

By: Amaya Caballero



Carlo Blazquez takes a photo of Nathaniel Medina matching the pose of the woman in Robert Longo's Untitled (Men in the Cities: Ellen) drawing.

Athenian Day

Students take a trip to Hogwarts for some fun competition.

Students practice their levitation spells by using their wands to pass balloons through an obstacle course.



Two lucky members from each team took a dip in the pool on that chilly morning for an added challenge.



Xenia Vidal, Estela Delgado, Leti Beltran, Daina Castro, and Jessica Araiza work as a team to build a tower in potions class.



Teams compete in this test of memory in the study of ancient ruins class.



Minh Nguyen shows off her great aim in the defense against the dark arts class.

An annual tradition hosted by Sports and Wellness, Athenian Day, is a day for students to get active, work together in teams and engage in some friendly competition. This year, students, faculty and staff formed groups of 6-8 to compete in several fun Harry Potter themed games. To start things off, each team performed an original skit to

show off their spirit. After the introductions, it was time for students to get to class. Each "class" presented teams with a unique challenge including tests of strength, memory, and magic. Overall, the day was filled with lots of laughter, fun, and great sportsmanship.

By: Apekshya Nepal

W.I.S.H. *Symposium*

The women in science and health of tomorrow

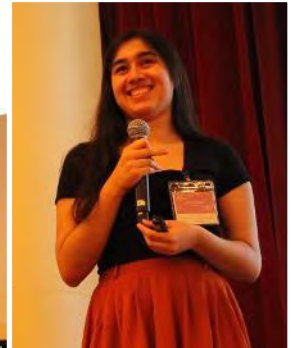
The annual W.I.S.H. (Women in Science and Health) Symposium showcases the research that our students in STEM have done since the 17-18 academic year. It may have been a little scary to go up on stage, but Mount students were able to pull through and present their research with confidence. There were two types of presentations taking place. There were oral presentations, which took place in Hannon Theatre, and the poster presentations, which took place on Administration Lawn. Some of our ambitious students even partnered with other universities, such as Loyola Marymount. Even non-Biology majors were in attendance to support their fellow peers. It was fascinating to see the amount of research that have gone into their presentation. We were able to learn a thing or two about their research such as diseases in sea star, herbal extractions, bacteria, and antibiotics. The students have clearly shown that they have worked hard on their research and it has paid off as this symposium will prepare them for their future careers!

By: Jessica Alcocer

(Left to right):
Charlotte Davis,
Cynthia Flores,
Glenda Castro, and
Talynn Glenn present
their research on the
Admin Lawn during
the W.I.S.H.
Symposium.



Allison Oakes presents her part of project in partnership with Arleen Lamba.



Arleen Lamba express joy after her group presentation.



Brigitte Solorzano shows off her hard work at the Symposium.



Homecoming

A Time to Reminisce

New members of the Golden Grad Society are honored during the Founders' Day Mass.



Alumni socialize at the Malibu Wines.



Alumni meet up with old classmates to catch up.



Alumni from different generations gather during the Founders' Day Mass.

Mount Saint Mary's University's Homecoming welcomes back MSMU alumni on the anniversary of the school's founding.

Regardless of the rainy weather at Homecoming this year, we continued the tradition of celebrating the legacies, accomplishments and contributions of our incredible alum community on October 13, 2018, at the Chalon campus. Attendees reminisced and reconnected throughout the day, which began with a special breakfast for alums who were involved in leadership roles while they were at the Mount and current leadership scholars. The newest members of the Golden Grad Society (those celebrating the 50th anniversary of their commencement) were honored

during Founder's Day Mass. At the luncheon, three alums were presented with the 2018 Outstanding Alumnae Awards: Ziara Cedano '14 for Rising Star, Chamelli Jhappan '79 for Professional Achievement, and Natalie Harris Martinez '79 for Service to the Community. The day ended with two optional activities: a Meet the Archivist session with Mount Archivist Victoria McCargar and an excursion to Malibu Wines. Alumni were able to network with other class generations. It was a time to reminisce on their accomplishments at the Mount and a reminder that Mount Saint Mary's will always have their support.

By: Jessica Alcocer and Brittany Skiles

Students and staff play the cello to Mozart.



Daisy Cruz plays the violin.



Mount Orchestra Concert

The music department hosts a festival and concert at Chalon.

The Music department hosted a day of masterclasses with faculty that included performances by youth orchestras in the Los Angeles area and the Mount Orchestra which concluded with a reception. The individual masterclasses opened the festival for high school and transfer students to learn how they can prepare for auditions, competitions, and festivals so students can

perform their best.

After the excellent performances by both youth orchestras, the Mount students, along with faculty and winners of the 2018 Concerto Competition, performed works from iconic composers such as Mozart's Marriage of Figaro Overture, K. 492 and Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2 in Bb Major, Op. 19.

By: Amaya Caballero

Students excitedly overlook to see Catalina Island's architecture.



Students are gathered around a campfire to spend time with each other and wind down.



MSMU students pose for a photo on their trip to Catalina Island.



Students enjoy a lunch break with each other after a long day of hiking.



Catalina

Camping with a Beautiful Overlook of the Ocean

During this year's mid-semester break, I had the chance to join the Mount's Sports and Wellness on a camping trip to Catalina's Island's Two Harbors. We woke up early Thursday morning and departed from the Chalon Campus to San Pedro to board the Catalina Express. We arrived later that afternoon and were amazed to see our campsite right along the beach. Since this was my first time camping, I was thrilled when I learned how to build a tent, start a fire, and kayak in the ocean. Students were separated into groups to share a tent and to take turns cooking meals, washing dishes, and maintaining the

campfire. My favorite parts of the trip were hiking to a beautiful overlook of the ocean and getting to enjoy lots of s'mores. Since we didn't have any cell service, we entertained ourselves by playing card games which allowed us to enjoy each other's company. We also ended up getting a lot of rain, thunder, and lightning on our second night, but thankfully our tents kept us dry, and we now get to brag about having a true outdoor camping experience. I had such an incredible time on this trip and am so grateful that the Mount gave us all this opportunity.

By: Justine Lozano

Holocaust and Human Behavior

Using history to promote change

Facing History and Ourselves hosted an interactive presentation and panel. The first half of the event consisted of a history recap of the tragic events that happened in World War II. In groups, students were given articles that discussed what democracy is and then how they define the term. A video was followed describing how the Holocaust affected the victims. Students had the opportunity to watch a video of a soldier who fought during the war and of a Holocaust survivor from one of the concentration camps. Also, students were given stories of foreigners providing aid for the people being persecuted at that time and stories of people seeking refuge. Historical context was given to the students in preparation for the panel of the Holocaust survivors who joined for the discussion for the second half of the event. Mark Rubin and his wife, Pam, shared with a room full of strangers the events that led up to their lives including the time when Mark was just a young boy during the war. He shared all the loss and tragic

events he witnessed as a child which brought tears to everyone in the room. His past pushed him to work hard and become the man he is today. Ruben and his wife are known as business and volunteer leaders who have left a powerful mark on this world for a just world. Leslie Gilbert-Lurie and Rita Lurie were also a part of the discussion panel and shared their stories. Rita was a child when she and her family were hiding from the Nazis. She endured many traumatic experiences as she hid in an attic for almost two years with 14 other family members. Her daughter, Leslie wrote about her mother's story in a book called *Bending Toward the Sun*. She sat alongside her mother during the discussion panel as support. The special guests left a powerful impact on the students that exposed them to the real hardships that have occurred in the world. Students were encouraged to vote and make a change in the world for better.

By: Evelyn Avila



When asked what democracy meant to them, Caitlyn Keeve and Ayano Okude shared their views on the term and on the current government system.



Lauren Cedano and Briana Tetsch discussed their views on the articles of the stories of Holocaust survivors that were passed around to each table.



[Left] Students, Amanda Ramirez, Ashley Tovar and Georgia Aguilar, chatted their opinions of what they thought of the first part of the event as they awaited for the panel guests to arrive. [Below] The panel discussion was led by Leslie Gilbert-Lurie and her mother Rita Lurie, who is a Holocaust survivor, and Mark and Pam Rubin.



Mark Rubin laughs with Mount staff members upon his arrival.

My Experience:

Listening to the stories of Holocaust survivors in the wake of the recent event in Pittsburgh has given me much more insight into the constant struggles endured by the Jewish community. Though much of the event touched on an analytic approach to the Holocaust and examined societal conflicts that produced the marginalization of the Jewish community, it was hearing their own stories and witnessing their emotional responses that really touched the audience. I do not think there was a dry eye in the room. Such a moment was so powerful in so many ways that it is truly a night I will never forget.

By: Belen Chacon

Halloween

Haunted Mansion



Jessica Hernandez (middle) calls over the next child to get their candy while Ariel Meza (right) gets a handful of candy for the boy.



(Above:) Lourdes Garcia puts candy in baby Incredible's bucket.
(Right:) Student event coordinator Kia Frazier-Humphrey hands out candy to children at the Mansion.



Families take their photos in front of the decorated Mansion at the lawn with kids messing with the big black cat.

It's spooky season.

Going on for 29 years and counting, the Doheny campus opened its gates to the neighborhood for Halloween.

For weeks, the Division of Student Affairs collected thousands of pounds of candy at both the Chalon and Doheny campuses to offer trick-or-treaters, big and small, a safe place to stuff their bags and baskets with all the sweets they could carry.

On Halloween night, staff from multiple departments and volunteers helped run the event by making the campus nice and spooky. Aside from the constant gathering of candy and to entertain visiting families, there was a costume contest in front of the cafeteria where a little boy won dressed as the Devastator from the popular online open-world survival game, Fortnite.

After the winner was announced for the contest and there was no more candy to hand out to the children and their families, the event wrapped up and they all went elsewhere to continue their hunt for treats and occasional tricks that wait for them throughout the night.

By: Amaya Caballero

Mount in the City: *Los Angeles Haunted Hayride*



Ciera Barnett avoided eye contact with the monster when they came up to her to ask her more about Ralphs, the supermarket, where she had said "no habla" and the monster corrected her pronunciation.

On a Friday night, students attended the Los Angeles Haunted Hayride at the old Los Angeles Zoo. Students entered the Purgatory, the haunted village where you sit in a sack of hay for the Haunted Hayride, the House of Shadows, a maze with black walls where no light is allowed except for the flashing white lights, and the Trick or Treat maze where you get one or the other by knocking door to door throughout the neighborhood.

By: Amaya Caballero



President's *Invitation to Serve*

For thirteen years, the Mount has held President's Invitation to Serve which allows Students, Faculty, Alums, and Friends of the University to help our dear neighbors.

Meeting early in the morning at Doheny, everyone enjoyed a breakfast. The event opened with talks of how much the event impacts the city of Los Angeles and that volunteering and lending an open hand is always welcomed. After the opening, volunteers split into seven groups who would go to either St. Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic School, Rise Against Hunger, the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, or other locations throughout the city.

Traveling north from Doheny to Alexandria House, volunteers helped host a yard sale that is always

busy with pass-byers ready to find some nifty thrifts which also helps the House and their mission to provide a home for women and their children as they land back on their feet.

Some traveling south to the South LA Animal Shelter where volunteers helped clean the kennels and overall areas for the animals who wait to find their families. And moving to Santa Monica, volunteers picked up after those who could not find the trash can, to clean the beach for everyone to enjoy. They also took advantage of the sunny day to take beautiful photos.

The day was busy, but knowing it was all for a good cause, made it worth it to the volunteers.

By: Amaya Caballero

A day to bring the community together and serve our neighbors.

Meghan Mai (left) organizes clothes for the yard sale at Alexandria House.



Chidozie Umekwe-Odudu volunteers her time at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank with other Athenians.



(Above:) A group of volunteers hold up their cabbage at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank for a group photo. (Left:) The group of volunteers at Alexandria House pose together for a group photo.



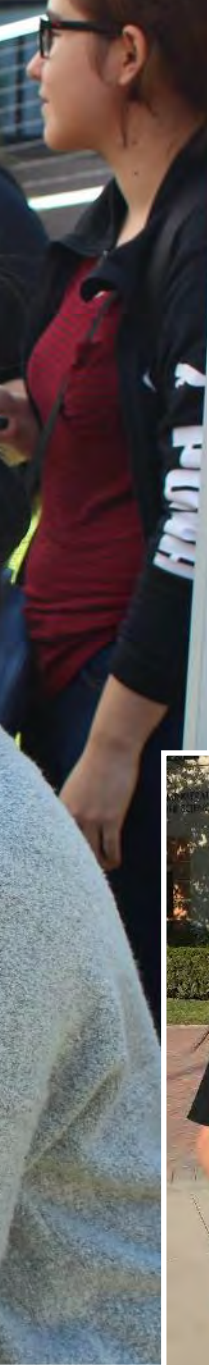
Nocturna Entertainment, a hip hop group entertains the Doheny campus during the Fall Fair with their amazing moves.



Raven Capati provides students with a delicious piece of pumpkin pie.



Ayano Okude poses with her caricature.



Fall Fair



(Left:) Doheny students line up to get a Henna tattoo. The artist was crowded with requests from eager students who wanted to decorate their body.
(Below:) Vanesa Herrera brightly smiles as she shows off her beautiful Henna.



Pumpkin spice and everything nice

Fall came by quickly for students. As the semester was coming to an end, residents and commuters partook in the Fall Fair. Activities such as Henna, painting pumpkins and caricatures were available for students. It was a great way for students to relieve stress through creative and playful artwork. There were also options of choosing among pumpkin pie, popcorn, and churros as a snack. Students flooded both campuses as soon as they were either out of class or right before their classes began. At Doheny, performers from a

hip hop dance group entertained the students. They took the floor and brought a great energy to the campus with their moves. Students often forget to take a break for themselves and de-stress. The Fall Fair gave students the opportunity to relax and take a break from their usual school mode. By the end of the event on both campuses, the snacks were gone and the energy of the students were up. Students were refueled for the rest of the day and started the week in a positive attitude.

By: Evelyn Avila



(From Left to Right:) Nicole Buenaventura, Gisselle Alvarez, and Evelyn Avila pose together holding Pumpkin Pie to serve to students and staff.

Doheny students paint pumpkins to relieve stress and let their creativity flow.

Doheny *Grinchmas*

Students playfully pose for a Christmas selfie.



Students enjoy eating snacks and enjoying each other's company.



MSMU students pose with the grinch. Hopefully, their Christmas was not ruined!





Merry Grinchmas!

Christmas was in the air and Doheny was dressed up in time for the holiday spirit! The campus was decorated in the style of Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The Grinch can be seen everywhere in this event with his mischievous smile. Friends and family have gathered at the Doheny campus to spend the evening eating cookies, churros, and freshly cooked kettle corn. Hot chocolate was served too to beat the chilly air. Holiday music such as "It's Beginning to look like Christmas," "Baby, It's Cold Outside," and, of course, "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch" were playing in the background to get in the mood for the Christmas spirit. MSMU Students spent their time laughing, reminiscing about the past semester and spending time with one another as finals were around the corner and the semester coming to an end. Mount Saint Mary's wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

By: Jessica Alcocer

Christmas Magic *at the Mansion*

Christmas Cheer at Doheny

President Ann McElaney-Johnson welcomed students, faculty members, alumni, and families to gather at the Doheny Mansion. Attendees immediately felt the Christmas spirit as they walked up to the decorative lights and ornaments that surrounded the entrance. The Doheny Mansion is usually not open to the public on a daily basis, however, the community had the opportunity to look at the beautiful home, which was full of aesthetic paintings and vintage furniture. Faculty members and other historians were available for people to ask questions

about any historic facts of the Mansion. The Mansion is full of powerful history that led to the Mount's legacy. People who wanted to know more joined a small lecture that was held which included information about Mrs. Doheny and the history of the Mansion. Refreshments and small pastries were provided, along with carolers who wore turn-of-the-century costumes. It was a beautiful celebration that gathered families for some holiday cheer before the end of the semester.

By: Evelyn Avila

Students gathered with their family around the beautifully decorated Christmas tree that stood in the center of the Mansion for everyone to see.



Refreshments were provided for visitors to enjoy as they surrounded the Christmas tree and took advantage of touring the Mansion.



Carolers sing for families in the center of the Mansion to spread holiday cheer.



Tanishia Wright, a Mount Saint Mary's graduate, poses with her young daughter, Makalah, in front of the Mansion.

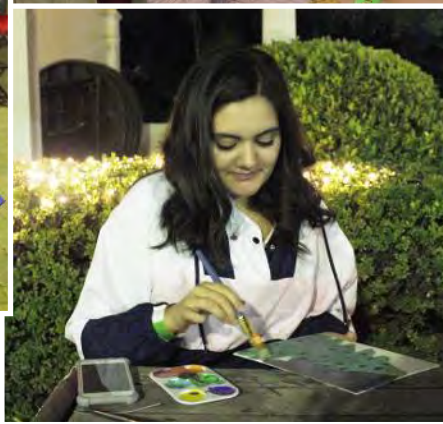


Alumni and families stepped outside the Mansion to enjoy their desserts and the beautiful campus that surrounded them.

(left to right:) Angeline Villegas, Katie Celestino, Christianne Toledo, and Celina Villanueva pose with props for a group photo at the photo booth.



Alexandria Hernandez carefully paints snow falling around her snowman.



Evelyn Avila paints a background for her Christmas tree.



(left to right:) Alejandra Valdez, Gisselle Alvarez, Marissa Bible, and Rebecca Lopez show off their completed paintings.

Lighting of *the Circle*

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

The Lighting of the Circle is an event to commemorate the coming holiday season. Hosted by the Chalon Student Activities Council, it was an event for everyone to enjoy. The Chalon campus Administration Lawn and Circle were both filled with activities to keep the students busy throughout the night. After waiting in the long check-in lines that appeared as if they would take forever, when really it only took a few minutes, everyone was able to receive a few tickets to redeem at the booths of activities or

food offered. Activities included painting, getting your own Polaroid photo at the photo booth, and an opportunity to take photos with the Christmas tree and presents. Also, the California Nursing Student Association (CNSA) club had an opportunity for its members to fill out holiday cards for children in hospitals to spread the spirit of the holidays. In addition to the activities, there was also delicious hot chocolate, churros, and homemade kettle corn.

By: Amaya Caballero

Mount in the City: *Los Angeles Kings Holiday Ice*



Students, Shereese Synstlien, Samantha Sanchez and Lydia Rose Alves, enjoy the beautiful lights and decorations.



Carina Gregorio and Catherine Lim venture out towards the center of their rink after getting some practice by skating along the edges.

On a cool Friday night, students traveled to Microsoft Square for the outdoor ice rink hosted by L.A. Kings. For many students, this was their first time on the ice. Despite the few slips and falls, students enjoyed themselves quite a bit. And those that did not want to skate had fun watching the others and the beautiful holiday decorations including the large Christmas tree at the center of the rink.

By: Apekshya Nepal

Immigration in the *Era of Trump*



Emily Robinson, an immigration lawyer, describes how her practice has changed in the past two years due to new immigration policies created by the current administration.



*"If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have
chosen the side of the oppressor."*

- Desmond Tutu

Before attending the event, Immigration in the Era of Trump, I was not fully aware of the institutional barriers in place that oppress immigrants that come to our country seeking a better life. The panel consisted of four individuals that have dedicated their careers to fight for immigrant rights. They shared that there has been a great deal of fear and uncertainty during Trump's presidency. We learned that the power of rhetoric can be detrimental, but that the most effective change can be made on the policy level. The panelists called us to action; they asked us to pay attention to what is going on and to find ways to help change the system. Since I am currently working for a State Assembly member who represents a predominantly Latino and foreign-born

constituency, I asked the panelists, "if you were to advise a State Legislator to write and push for positive immigration policy, what would the specific piece of legislation be?" Each panelist gave me a very thoughtful answer and I actually brought their ideas back to my boss. We are now looking at possible policies focused on immigration for the upcoming Legislative Session. As a person that strives to advocate for marginalized communities, I left the panel discussion very inspired and motivated. These conversations are crucial; in regards to the quote I mentioned above, conversations like these keep us properly informed about the injustices happening in society so that we can fight the oppression by finding solutions.

By: Meghan Q. Mai

Diego Sepulveda shares his story living as an undocumented immigrant.



MSMU alum and current law student, Karla Ballesteros, shares an anecdote about studying immigration law during the Trump administration.

MSMU Votes

Our vote, Our voice

Civic learning and democratic engagement is at the heart of the Mount Saint Mary's University (MSMU) mission and the institution has a long history of providing programs and experiences for students as active citizens on campus and in their communities. MSMU Votes offers a series of events and public forums, designed to engage all members of the Mount community in the democratic process. Led by a coalition of faculty, staff, and students and coordinated through Women's Leadership and Student Involvement,

MSMU Votes approaches this work through several key areas: Voter registration, Voter education, Ballot access, and Voter turnout. Goals of MSMU Votes for this midterm election were to: increase the number of our traditional undergraduate students who register and vote in the 2018 midterm election, foster collaboration and support between curricular and co-curricular programs to encourage students to vote, engage students in the process of registration and educating their peers.

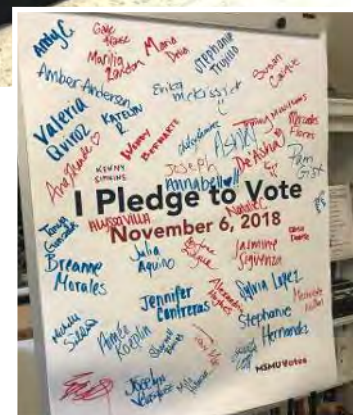
By: Christine Hernandez

Student attend a non-partisan candidate and proposition forum hosted by the MSMU League of Women Voters Club.

Themed bulletin boards were posted around campus leading into the elections encouraging students to vote.



- At the first-ever ALL IN Challenge Awards Ceremony held in 2017, MSMU received a bronze seal for Excellence in Student Voter Engagement for achieving a student voting rate between 50% and 59%.
- The Mount was also recognized as an inaugural Voter Friendly Campus in 2017, one of only four institutions recognized in California.
- In November 2018, Mount Saint Mary's was named one of "The Best Colleges for Student Voting" by Washington Monthly, which lauded colleges and universities across the nation that strongly encourage their students to vote and actively promote civic engagement on their campuses.



Students at both Chalon and Doherty signed "Pledge to vote" posters on National Voter Registration Day.

Amber Figueroa and Melissa Jimenez host an interactive for Constitution Day.



Residents were offered free shuttles at each campus twice on Election Day.



Resident Assistants Caitlyn Keeve and Dana Gil hosted an outdoor program to share information about local ballot proposals on November 1.



Phi delta Alpha, the pre-law organization, hosted many MSMU Votes programs, including an event focused on ballot propositions.

Programming for Fall 2018 included:

- Orientations and Involvement Fairs 2018 – All new students received a paper voter registration form in their orientation bag. In addition, a representative from the Community Outreach Division of the LA County Registrar of Voters on-campus during our new student orientation program as well as the Student Involvement Fairs on both Chalon and Doheny.
- Voter Registration - Student leaders from the MSMU League of Women Voters Club volunteered to host a voter registration table during the conference on September 15, 2018.
- Constitution Day (September 17) and National Voter Registration Day (September 25) - Student leaders from Student Government Association, MSMU League of Women Voters, and Phi Alpha Delta helped to host and support educational activities and voter registration drives.
- One Vote Documentary Screening (October 15) – MSMU was selected to screen One Vote with a special Q&A from the film's Director and Producer, Christine Woodhouse. Filmed in five locations on a single day, One Vote captures the compelling stories of diverse voters on Election Day 2016.
- On October 17, 2018, The MSMU League of Women Voters Club hosted a non-partisan candidate and proposition forum with the student organization's president, Briana Tetsch, Professor Angela Benveniste, and Marilú Guevara, Executive Director of the Los Angeles League of Women Voters.
- Closer to the election, Resident Assistants hosted information programs on ballot initiatives and propositions.
- On Election Day, All students were invited to visit the Women's Leadership and Student Involvement office at either campus to pick up election materials on the way to their polling location, free snacks, and MSMU Votes buttons. Residents were offered free shuttles at each campus twice on Election Day.
- Student Government Association and the MSMU League of Women Voters club also hosted a Pizza and Politics elections results event in the student lounges on the night of elections.





SALES

Black Student Union

Black Student Union was established in the year of 2017. The club continues to serve as the primary advocacy organization for Black students at Mount Saint Mary's University. We provide a place to feel liberated and alleviated from the injustices our people face daily. Our mission is to provide a safer community for Black students, promote academic support, encourage excellence and provide a voice on the implementation of policies and procedures that affect Black students on our campus. One new way we promoted academic support this year is by providing monthly BSU Study Sessions for our members and other students at the Mount!

BSU Skate Night at World on Wheels LA October 9, 2018
(left to right) Olivia Maheia, Liliana Ruiz, Kaylah Hernandez, Leila Garrett, Ciera Barnett



1st BSU (Black Student Union) and AACW (African-American Council of Women) Skate Night at World on Wheels LA, November 6, 2018.
(left to right top row) Cionne Ware, Dana Blakney, Destiny Osborne, Ciera Barnett, Olivia Maheia, Teirah Bolden, Kayla Brush
(left to right bottom row) Tiara Turnipseed, Amani Davis, Cierrah Smith, Liliana Ruiz, Tanya Johnson

BSU President (Liliana Ruiz) and Ciana Miranda take a photo with their AACW sisters at the annual MountLeads event just before the start of school.
(left to right) AACW President Janae Jones, Liliana Ruiz, Ciana Miranda, Amani Davis



California Nursing Students' Association

CNSA is an organization that stands for California Nursing Students' Association. California Nursing Students' Association (CNSA) is a chapter organization that represent nursing students both statewide and nationwide. The club is essentially catered to nursing students in hopes to "promote the nursing profession through intellectual enrichment, personal growth, and individual performance of its members." Through our activities and events, such as pre-nursing socials, vital signs teachings, and community health fairs, our goal is to help and encourage our members to develop leadership skills, become involved in nursing education, and be prepared socially, clinically, and academically towards their future profession as a registered nurse and beyond.



Pre-nursing coordinators Ashley Gomez and Vincent De La Luna-Tabanera are happy to host CNSA's First Pre-Nursing social. In this event, current nursing students can help motivate and get to know many pre-nursing students who attend the social. The social is meant for open ended conversations between nursing students and pre-nursing students in hopes that they can receive great advice about the nursing program, studying tips, and of course, a mentor for nursing school.



CNSA's Education Chair, Edward Principe, shows new upcoming nursing students the University's nursing skills lab.



CNSA is stoked to present their new current e-board of 2018-2019 during their First General Meeting. Lots of plans and ideas for the club and entire school year to come!

Student Government Association



Commuter Senator Sammantha Sanchez, Vice President of Administration Perla Olguin, Commuter Senator Yasmin Carmona, and Amber Figueroa representing SGA at the Student Involvement Fair.

SGA met with President Ann McElaney-Johnson to discuss effective and efficient ways to serve the student body.



S.G.A, in partnership with Women's Leadership and Student Involvement, worked to engage students to participate in the MSMU Votes campaign.



The Student Government Association (SGA) is an organization at the Mount which exists to be a voice for students; they are the liaison between the students and the University administration. SGA officers seek to make a difference at the Mount and they work hard to address any concerns or challenges that the student body may face. This can be simple changes on campus like installing hooks in the dorm bathrooms, to some more complex projects such as working with our University administration to adjust and draft new Student Life Policies. SGA serves traditional undergraduate students at both the Doheny and Chalon campuses. Our student government officers are committed to improving student life on both campuses through specific programming for the Student Body, promoting the development of diversified clubs and organizations, and informing the student body regarding any incidents or policy changes that affect the Mount community. Student Government Association's overall mission is to foster an environment where students can thrive as a person, student, and leader.

Na Pua O Ka 'Aina



E-board members (top left to right) Isabel Bustos, Abigail Sengco, Frankie Gunther, Brianna Simental, (bottom left to right) Ashlin Amano, Reena Palero, Annemarie Gali, and Mitzi Lustina, partake in the Ohana dinner as they wear neon colors to show their spirit.

Na Pua O Ka 'Aina is the Hawaiian and Polynesian culture club that advocates spreading awareness to the Mount Community. We do annual events such as Ohana Dinner and Luau. We enjoy helping others and build bonds in and out of our club. Every member is part of a big ohana and we hope for more of the Mount Community to join in as we continue our Na Pua O Ka 'Aina Legacy.

Latinas Unidas unites students from the Doheny and the Chalon campus who share a passion for cultural awareness and activism of the Latino community. The members educate each other, outside communities, and the Mount on relevant issues, including issues regarding education, culture, racial and social injustices. At Chalon, Latinas Unidas has been reactivated this school year and all of the members are excited to keep the traditions alive and thriving. As a club, both campuses embrace our heritage by celebrating well known cultural holidays such as Dia de los Muertos and hosting an annual posada. We make it our goal to push this organization to be a familia more than a club. The club provides a strong foundation that hopes to enrich Mount Saint Mary's University in relation to cultural identity and develop a sense of familia within the academic environment. Once an Hermana, Always an Hermana. This year, Latinas Unidas won the annual ICC candy drive and has successfully hosted various events.

Members Crystal Chavez and Helen Rivas enjoying some yummy nachos after volunteering at the nacho fundraiser. The fundraiser took place in November and did very well!



Doheny L. U.



E-board members and club members celebrating the end of the fall semester with the annual posada. The posada consisted of delicious food, arts and crafts, and a movie.

From left to right: Treasurer Kathleen Perez, President Michelle Montiel, and Vice President Priscilla Gonzalez at the Leadership Summit during the summer at the Chalon campus. They learned new skills and developed plans for the upcoming school year.



Chalon L. U.



Current president, Laura Nario, proudly wearing Latinas Unidas gear.



Latinas Unidas members hosting the Dia de Los Muertos fundraiser where different foods were sold including Pan de Muerto, hot chocolate, and Mexican candy.

Kappa Delta *Chi*



Members, Catherine MacArthur, Vanesa Herrera, Karla Salazar, Xena Chavez, Christee Barragan, Genesis Canizales, Brenda Cruz, Joshlyn Hernandez, Cat Limeta, Lisa Altuve, Sharon Figueroa, Chelsea Ramirez, Gabriela Quintanilla, Polonia Moala and Monica Almaraz celebrating 89 years of Kappa Delta Chi.



Members, Samantha Garcia, Polonia Moala, Cat Limeta, Chelsea Ramirez, Christee Barragan, Sharon Figueroa, Brenda Cruz and Karla Salazar drop off donations for homeless women at the Los Angeles Mission.



Members pose during the Lighting of the Circle with their wonderful adviser, Lisa Villa.

Kappa Delta Chi, founded in 1929, is the longest standing sorority at Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles. It is a multicultural sorority that promotes sisterhood, leadership, community service, intellectual development, and cultural growth. This organization is not only a social sorority, but it is continually involved in various campus events, community service, fundraising, and sisterhood events. The sorority's purpose is to establish an environment conducive to the development of sisterhood, friendship, and unity among its members and to provide opportunities for social development.

Kappa Delta Chi strives on the empowerment and education of women to pursue higher education, no matter the social or economical barriers in their path. Through community service, Kappa Delta Chi gives back in many ways by attending fundraisers for charities and participating in various walks.

The Athenian *Print*



The Athenian Print at last year's Admitted Students Day (Left to Right: Pamela Ardon, Beatriz Garay, Simone Soriano, Brytanya Le)



The Athenian Print & Women in Film and Media club at the Mayor of Los Angeles Getty House Event (left to right: Erin McCrann, Marilyn Anaya, Pamela Ardon, Onjonet Williams, Lauryen Conner, Jennifer Morgan, Beatriz Garay, Professor Karen Fritschi, Elizabeth Charre, Diana Rodriguez, Jared De Los Reyes, & Pauline Mikhail).

The Athenian Print is an online and physical publication made by students for students. This is a place where student writers can have a platform to communicate with their colleagues, to voice their opinions on a variety of topics, to report on the happenings around our campuses and the world around us, and, more importantly, to provide a creative space to share our stories with our Mount community. Our goal is to keep journalism alive. We are here to inform, entertain, and benefit the public, including our peers. Throughout the years, the Athenian Print has blossomed into something so incredible—thanks to the extraordinary E-Board and student writers, we have had the opportunity to publish monthly newspapers for our Mount community. We had the privilege to attend incredible events, such as the Geena Davis Institute for Gender and Media, CBS Diversity Panels, and much more, also thanks to our professors and mentors. Last spring, we had the opportunity to collaborate with the Women in Film and Media club and participate in "I AM," which is an incredible event dedicated to showcasing talented, creative individuals here at the Mount. Although we are relatively small, in comparison to other clubs, we make it our mission to provide a diverse range of great content but also host cool events and opportunities for everyone to enjoy. If this sounds like a club you definitely want to be a part of, then we welcome you with open arms.

Sakura Society is the Mount's Japanese culture club. Students have the opportunity to become more familiar with Japan through its pop culture, cuisine, history, and traditions. They also have the chance to interact with the Japanese exchange students from the University of Shiga Prefecture. Fun events include ramen runs, socials, movie nights, and even game nights. Every Halloween, Sakura Society throws a Halloween celebration called Boonanza. This year, Boonanza had fun activities such as origami, calligraphy, lantern making, and even video games like Super Smash Brothers for Wii U and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe. Other school-wide events hosted in the past include a tea ceremony demonstration, a fall omatsuri celebration, and a spring café. Sakura Society is open to anyone who is interested in learning about Japanese culture as well as meeting other friends with similar interests. For more information, check out Sakura Society's Instagram page at @msmu.sakurasociety!

The E-Board members and club members of Sakura Society at its first general meeting of the year!



Sakura Society's E-Board members, Brytanya Le (co-president), Elizabeth Shokoya (co-president), Natalie Garcia (treasurer), Emily Cuellar (public relations), April Chagoya (marketing coordinator), and their friends stand together for a group photo at Athenian Day.



Sakura Society members and their friends enjoying some ramen at Kopan Ramen in Westwood.

Women in Science and Health

Women in Science and Health is a club dedicated to enriching the college experience of students aiming to go into science and health related fields. We host guest speakers to talk about their careers in medicine and curate workshop events such as Expanding Your Horizons to give young girls in Los Angeles an exposure to the science field. Through the Monomer/Polymer Mentorship Program, WISH seeks to foster the values of collaboration and mutual support within the science departments. The annual WISH Symposium, our largest event, was held October 9th, 2018. The presentations were diverse, ranging from topics in chemistry, to cell biology, to environmental science. This event gave students the opportunity to present their research in oral presentation or poster presentation format. Specifically, students presented on topics such as the effects of herb extracts on human cell lines, prevention of oxidative DNA damage, diurnal nutrient cycling in kelp, and so much more. Not only was the Symposium a great way for students and faculty to learn about one another's research, it was also a means by which new undergraduate researchers could give their first presentations in a comfortable environment before moving on to larger local and national conferences.



Professors Dr. Eric Stemp, Dr. Lee, students Patricia Perez, Claudia Quinonez, Aisosa Edobor, Vivian Lee, Minh Nguyen, and WISH Historian Kulei Faustino pose at the Symposium's photo booth.



Tanya Nguyen and Alyssa Gallano present their poster to Michelle Vasquez.



The WISH E-board (Secretary: Jaris Torres, Treasurer: Kelsy Larios, Vice President: Patricia Perez, Outreach Chair: Daisy Cruz, Events Coordinator: Jessica Contreras, Publicity Chair: Jared De Los Reyes, and President: Arleen Lambal pose with their advisor Dr. Sylvine Deprele.

The Honors Program at Mount Saint Mary's University recognizes academic excellence and provides high-achieving students with opportunities for increased academic rigor to be intellectually challenged in an engaging and nurturing environment. We enable our students to explore their intellectual curiosities and enhance their leadership abilities through numerous offerings.

Honors Scholars participate in a robust honors curriculum and have opportunities for leadership development, service-learning, and co-curricular engagements in the community and around the globe. Most notably, Honors Scholars who complete their Honors Thesis present their work at the Mount's Academic Symposium and have opportunities to present at the Western Regional Honors Council Conference.

The Honors Program provides its students with a variety of exclusive co-curricular activities and social events both on and off campus. We are committed to the creation of an Honors Program community akin to an "extended family" to offer academic and social support. As a result, Honors

Scholars are required to participate in at least two Honors Program events per semester. Some of these "Honors Program Happenings" co-curricular activities or social events on regular rotation include our:

- City as Text Series where we immerse in the community through neighborhood walking tours, visits to local museums, etc.
- Coffee & Conversations Series where we gather over breakfast and coffee to ask and answer all Honors Scholars "get to know you" questions.
- De-Stress Hour Series where we gather during midterm exams or final exams to engage in stress free activities such as adult coloring, arts and crafts, greeting card making for patients at Children's Hospital Los Angeles, etc.
- Food For Thought Series where we explore and taste the vast range of local and global cuisines throughout Los Angeles.
- Lunch Bunch Series where we take a short break from studying for midterm exams or final exams over an off-campus catered lunch provided in the company of fellow Honors Scholars.

Honors Scholars preparing for a Community Immersion tour of Los Angeles where we discussed topics of equity/inequity, inclusion/exclusion, justice/injustice.



To serve as a source of motivation for their time at the Mount, our first-year Honors Scholars in Dr. Melendres' FYS.001: First Year Seminar Foundations course did some goal setting and created these beautiful vision boards. As a way to always remind us of our roots, our Honors Scholars integrated some purple lace into their boards as the significance of lace for our CSJs and the Mount represents the philosophy of educating women so that we may have meaningful and successful lives.



Honors Program Orientation in August 2018 – Here, current member of the Honors Program's Honors Council welcomed our new Honors Scholars to the upcoming school year.

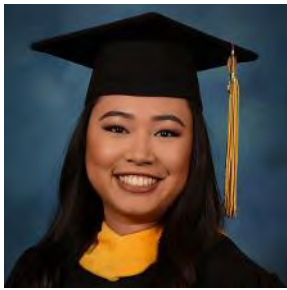


Honors Program Holiday Party





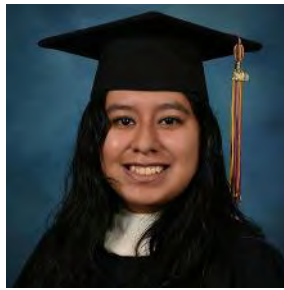
SENIORS



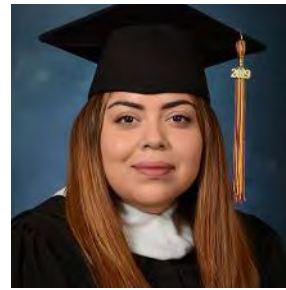
Erika Aban
Nursing



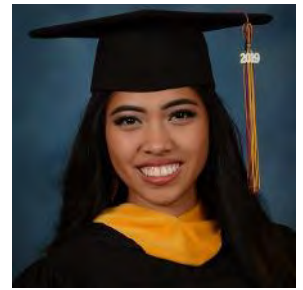
Desiree Agtaguem
Math



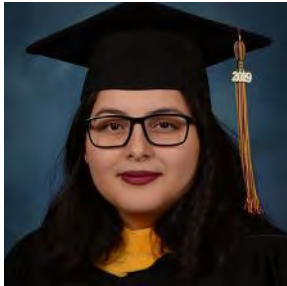
Jessica Alcocer
Film and Media



Lisa Altuve
Psychology/COU



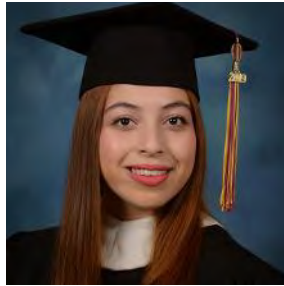
Claire Atanacio
Nursing



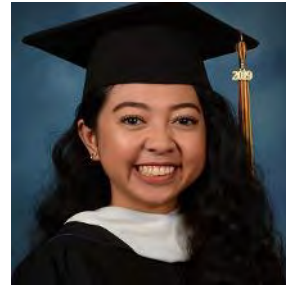
Tania Ayala-
Hernandez
Criminology



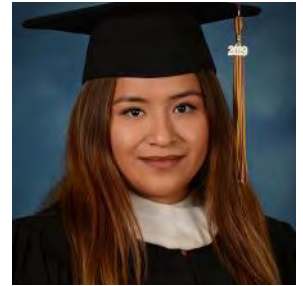
Hyunah Bae
Nursing



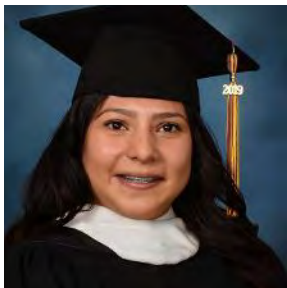
Gabriela Ballesteros
Global Politics



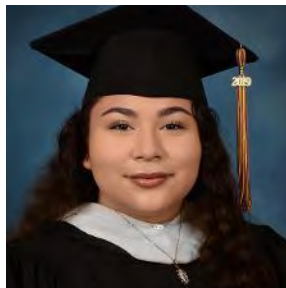
Catherine Bautista
Psychology/APS



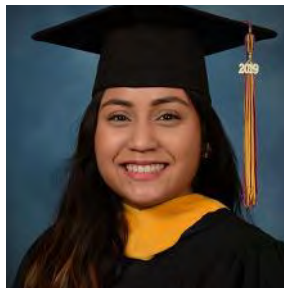
Erika Bautista
Business Administration/
MGT



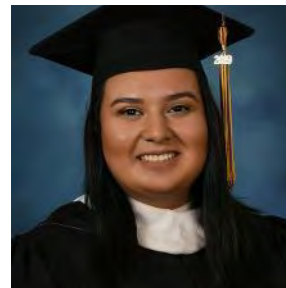
Yadira Betancourt
Psychology/CHA



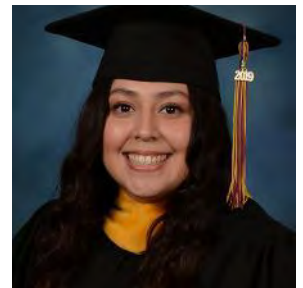
Neda Bravo-Leal
Political Science



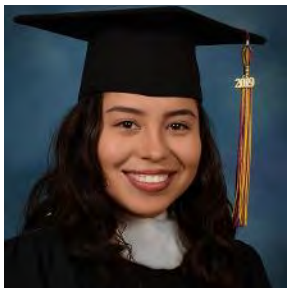
Elizabeth Caballero
Nursing/DIR



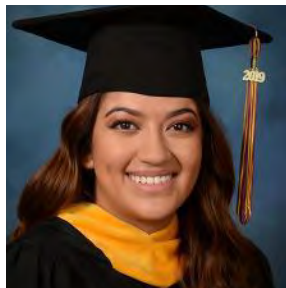
Susan Cacique
Psychology/COU



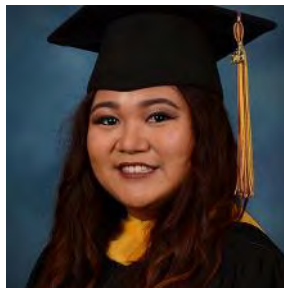
Brianna Cadena
Biology/ENV



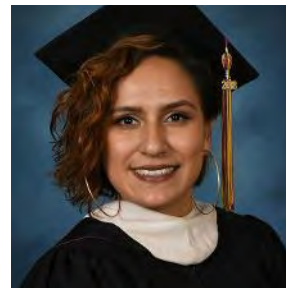
Cynthia Cadena
Spanish Studies/TRN



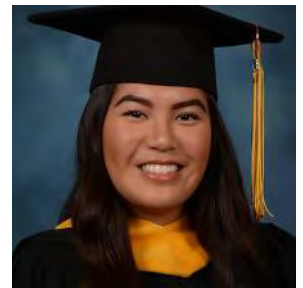
Carla Canas
Psychology/APS



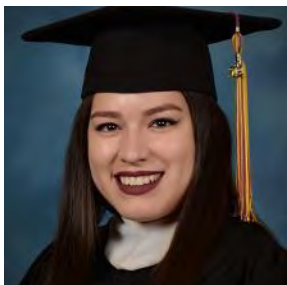
Alexi Carabeo
Nursing/ DIR



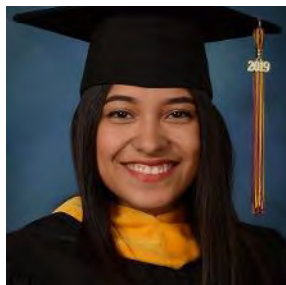
Alexandria Cardenas
Biology



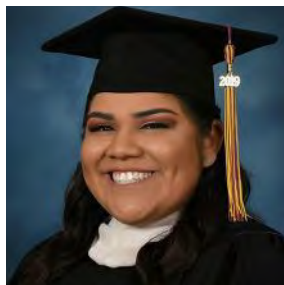
Clarissa Carlos
Nursing/DIR



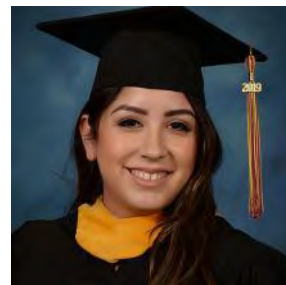
Flor Carpio
Psychology/CHA



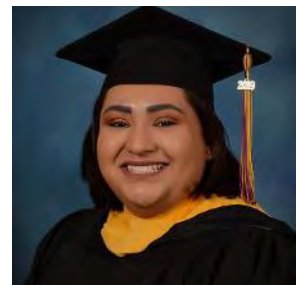
Jennifer Carrillo
Social Work



Mireya Carrillo
Biology



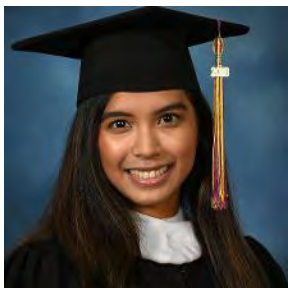
Belen Chacon
Social Work



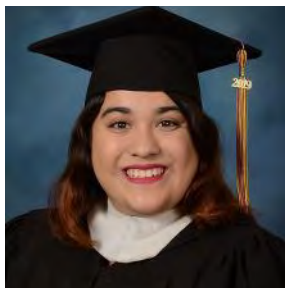
Briana Cisneros
Social Work



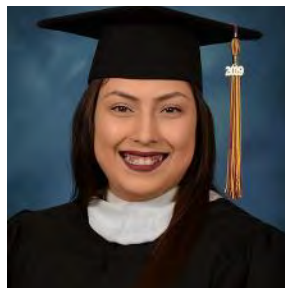
Jennifer Copley
Child Development



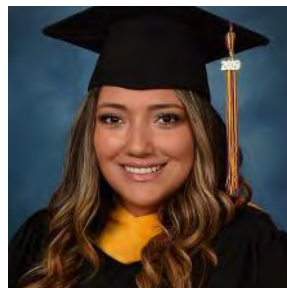
Denise Cordero
Psychology/COU



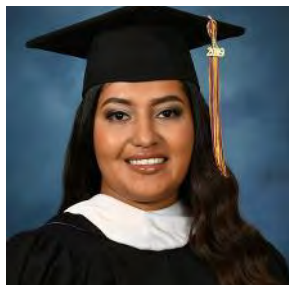
Melanie Corral
Psychology/APS



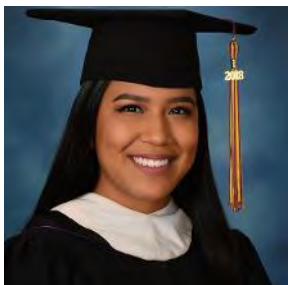
Melizza Corral
Psychology/CHA



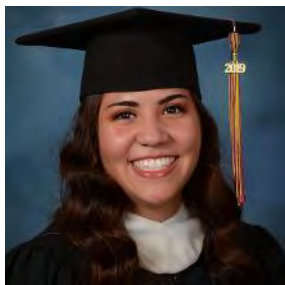
Delanie Davis
Film, Media, and Social
Justice



Gloria De La Cruz
Business Administration/
MGT



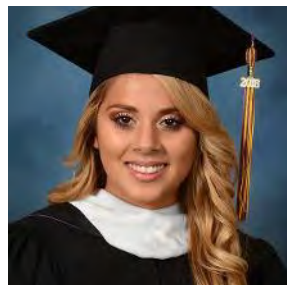
Arianna De Orta
Psychology/CHA



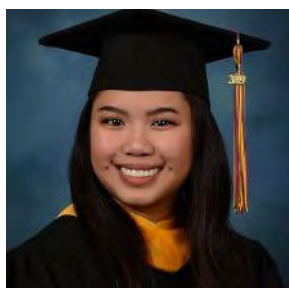
Jessica Del Castillo
English



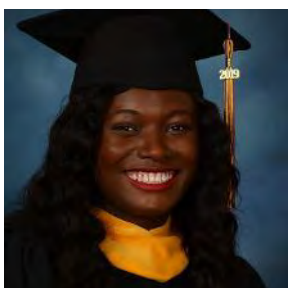
Elleana Dela Cruz
Nursing



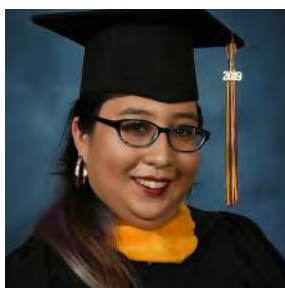
Katy Deleon
Child Development



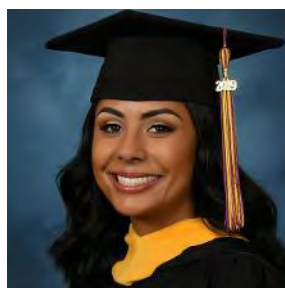
Anna Edang
Nursing



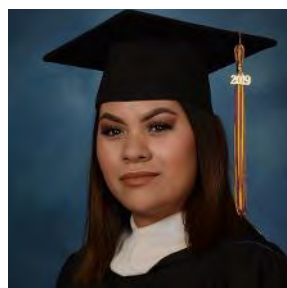
Aisosa Edobor
Biology



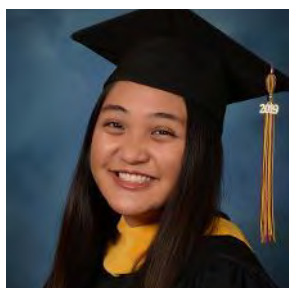
Stephanie Espejo
Biochemistry



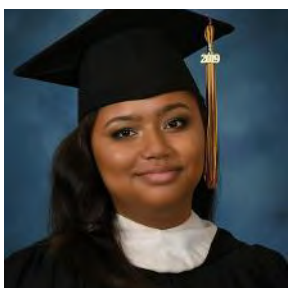
Marlene Estrada
Nursing/DIR



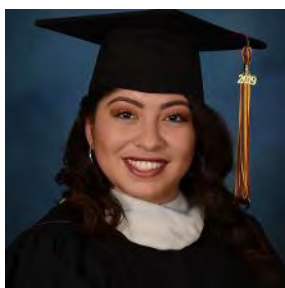
Yanely Estrada
Psychology/COU



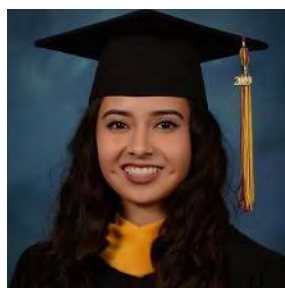
Vroniqa Faustino
Biology



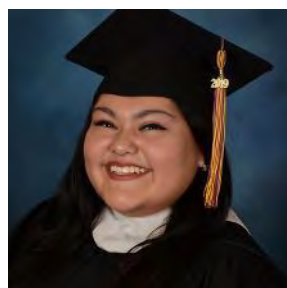
Kia Frazier-Humphrey
Global Politics



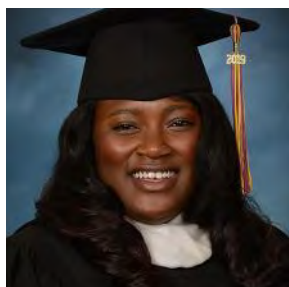
Beatriz Garay
Journalism



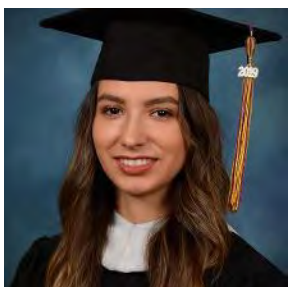
Jessica Garcia
Nursing



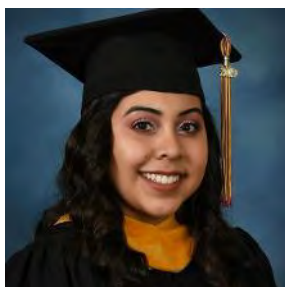
Natalie Garcia
Liberal Studies



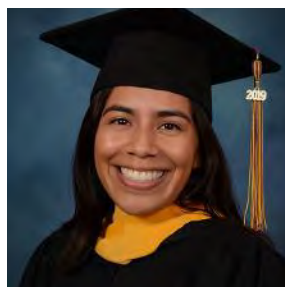
Natalie Gayles
Sociology



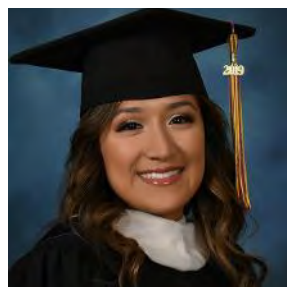
Tiffany Giron
Psychology/COU



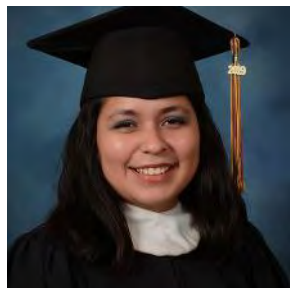
Ana Gomez
Psychology/CHA



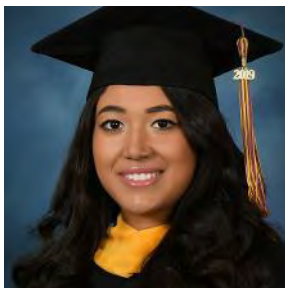
Ann Gonzalez
Biochemistry



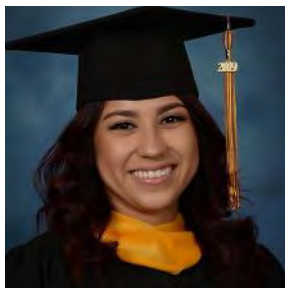
Arelly Gonzalez
Psychology/COU



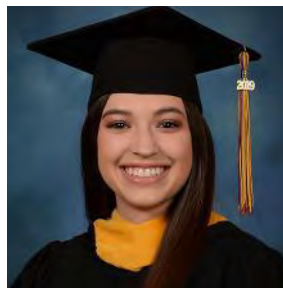
Lisa Gonzalez
Biology/PRH



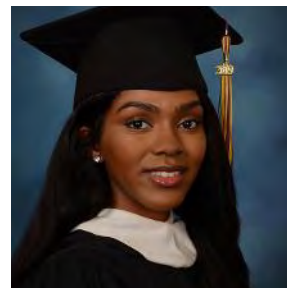
Jaelin Griffiths
Social Work



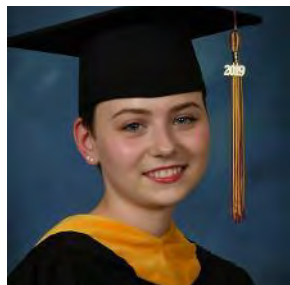
Priscilla Guardado
Nursing



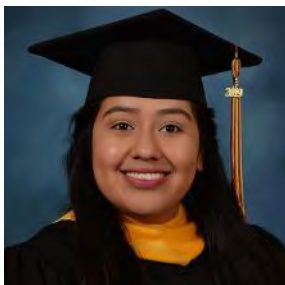
Elisabeth Hall
Nursing



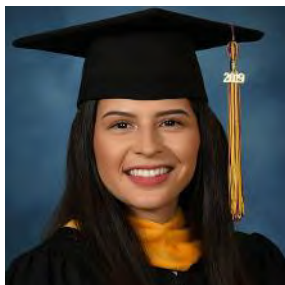
Akaelee Harris-Brown
Political Science



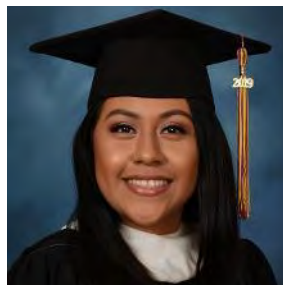
Natalie Helbig
Nursing



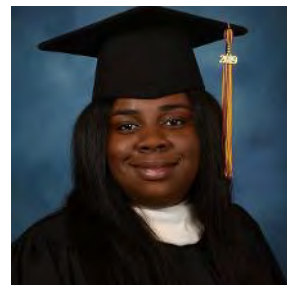
Leslie Hernandez
Nursing



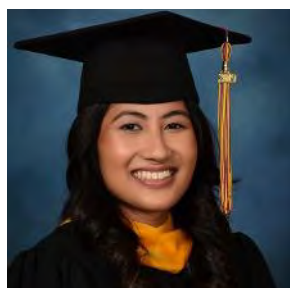
Mireya Hernandez
Psychology/COU



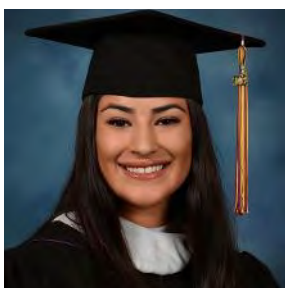
Ailyn Hernandez-
Bazan
Sociology



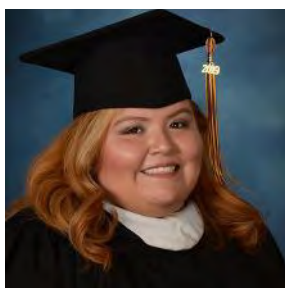
Brittany Hester
Psychology/CHA



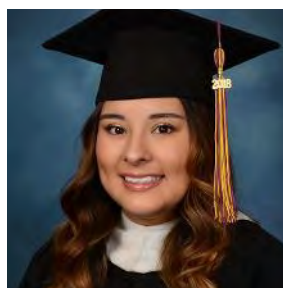
Sharah Ilagan
Nursing



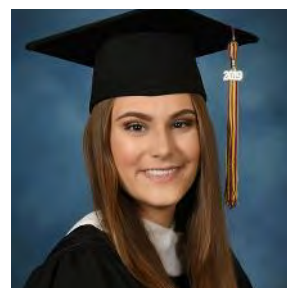
Crystal Jauregui
Business Administration/
MGT



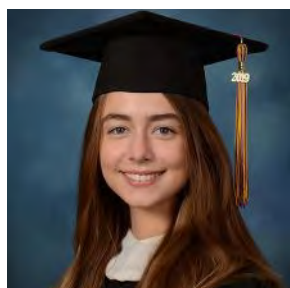
Melissa Jimenez
Psychology/CHA



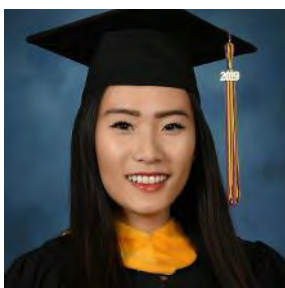
Amanda Jones
Child Development



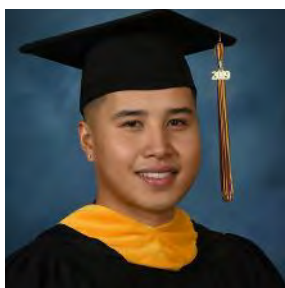
Jacqueline Kregler
Psychology/APS



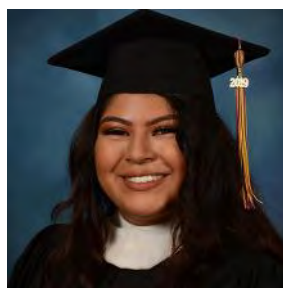
Shannon Kummer
Film and Media



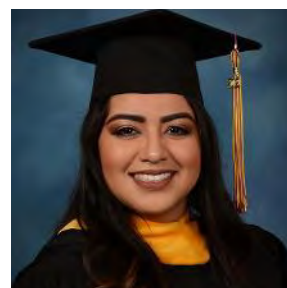
Hyejin Kwon
Nursing/DIR



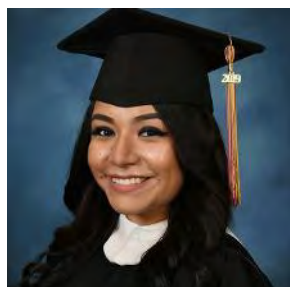
Jacob Lahorra
Nursing



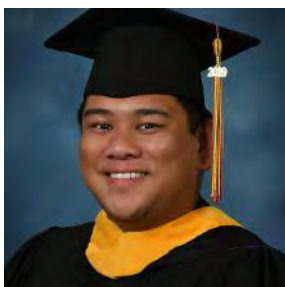
Karina Leyva-Medina
Business Administration/
MGT



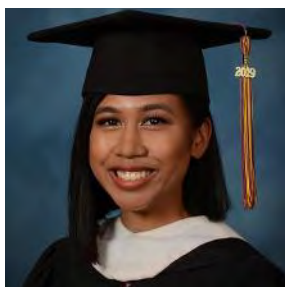
Jacqueline Lima
Film and Media



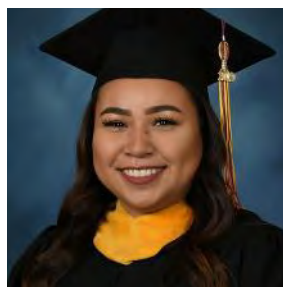
Sylvia Lopez
Business Administration/
MGT



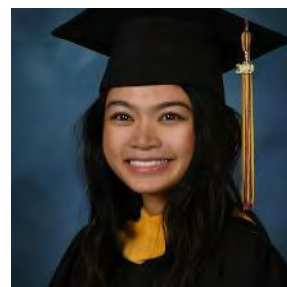
Chris Lorenzo
Nursing



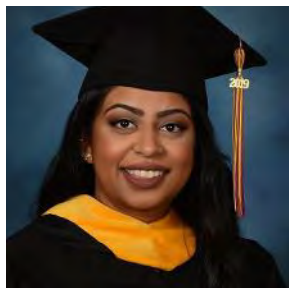
Mitzi Lustina
Sociology



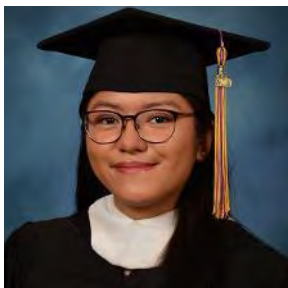
Jacqueline Macias
Nursing



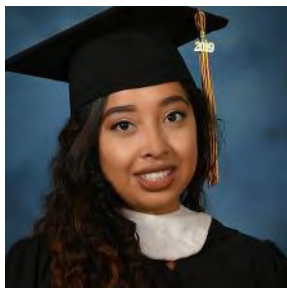
Trisha Mae Magpantay
Nursing/DIR



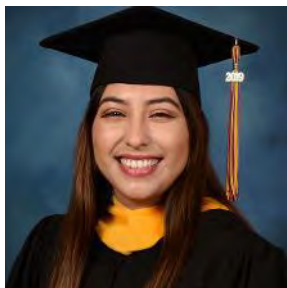
Divya Manilal
Nursing/DIR



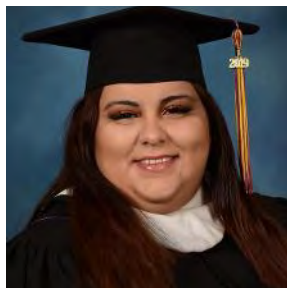
Cindy Martinez
Film and Media



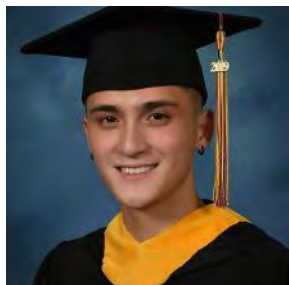
Yoseline Mejia
Sociology



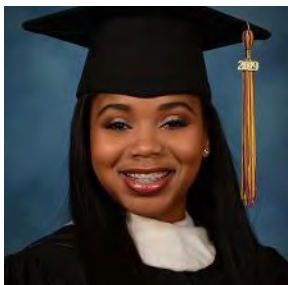
Alexis Menendez-
Dheming
Sociology



Pauline Mikhail
Journalism



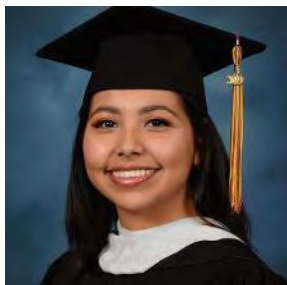
Brian Molina
Nursing/DIR



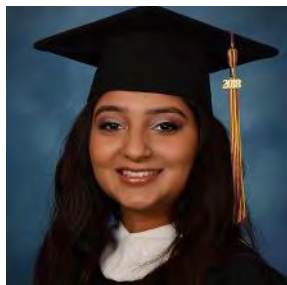
De'Asha Moore
Biology



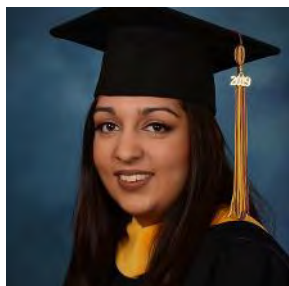
Natalie Moore
Psychology/CHA



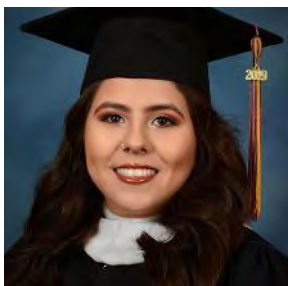
Alexandria Moreno
History



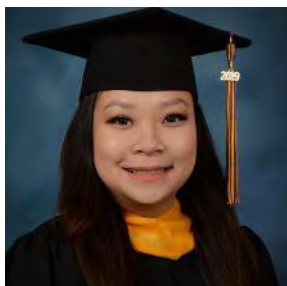
Selena Munguia
Psychology/COU



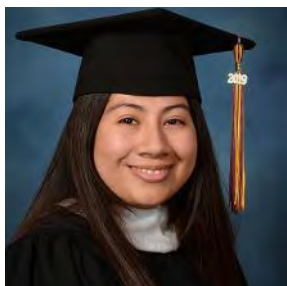
Karishma Nand
Nursing



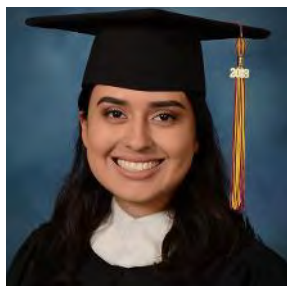
Alyssa Nava
Healthcare Policy



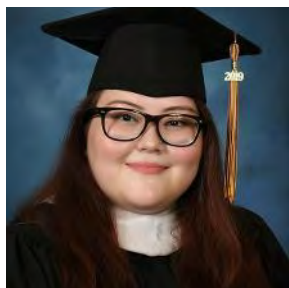
Minh Thu Nguyen
Biochemistry



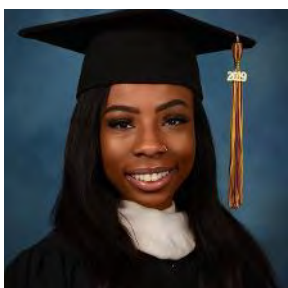
Isabel Nunez
Child Development



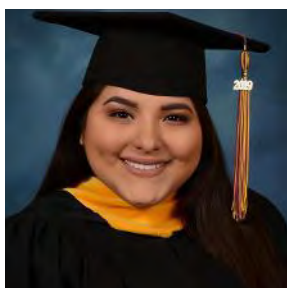
Jessica Ornelas
Psychology/APS



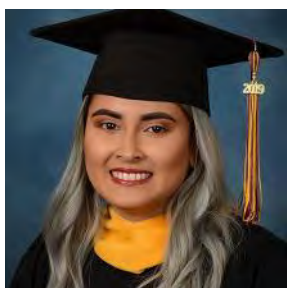
Melanie Ortega
Psychology/APS



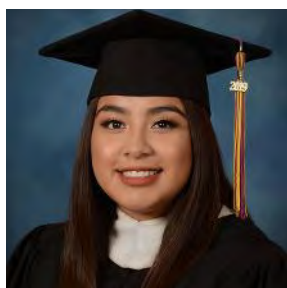
Myah Pearson
Psychology/COU



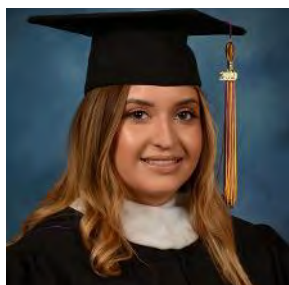
Ashley Pedraza
Sociology



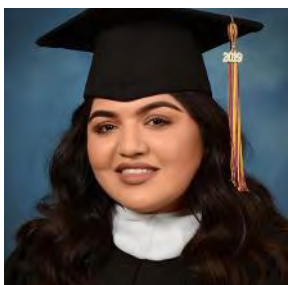
Xena Peña
Criminology



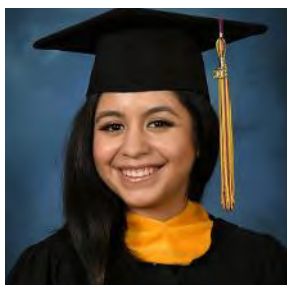
Daniela Perales
Child Development



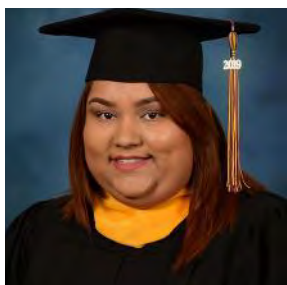
Teresa Pereyra
Psychology/CHA



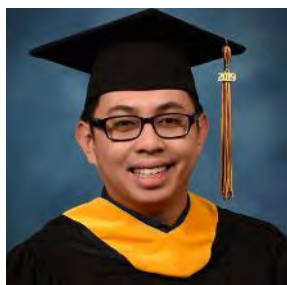
Anahi Perez
Child Development



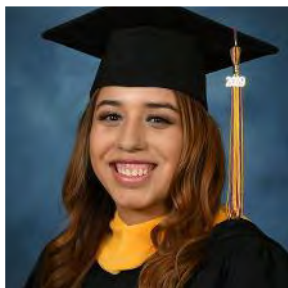
Hilary Perez
Nursing



Jocelyn Precencion
Social Work



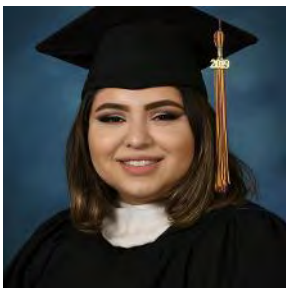
Edward Andrew
Principe
Nursing



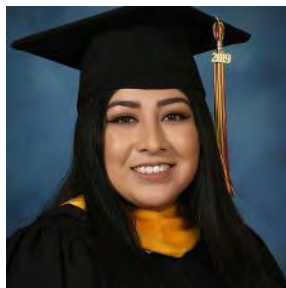
Claudia Quinonez
Biology



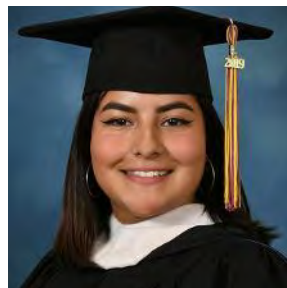
Daniel Quintero
Nursing



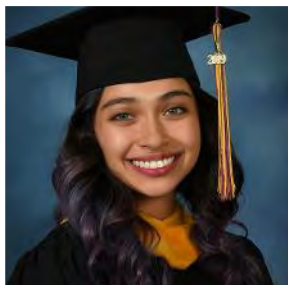
Valeria Quiroz
Business Administration/
MGT



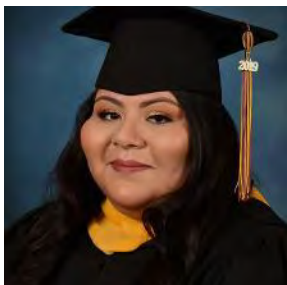
Chelsea Ramirez
Geospatial Criminology



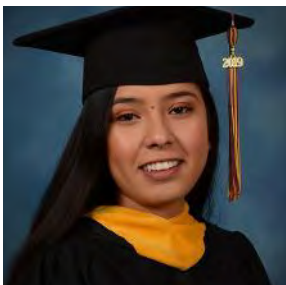
Alondra Ramos
Business Administration/
MGT



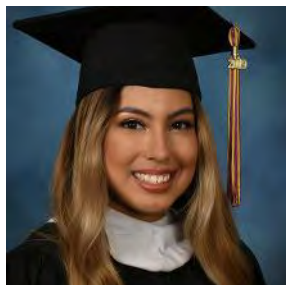
Claudia Reyes
Sociology



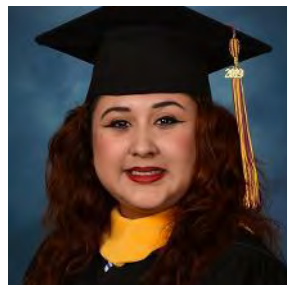
Northia Reyes Garcia
Social Work



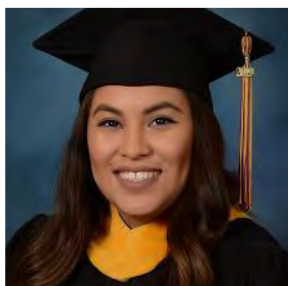
Diana Rincon
Social Work



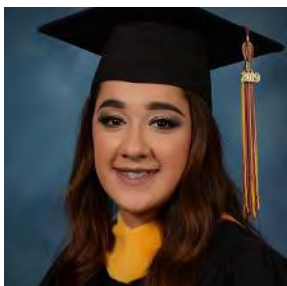
Yoselin Rivera
Sociology



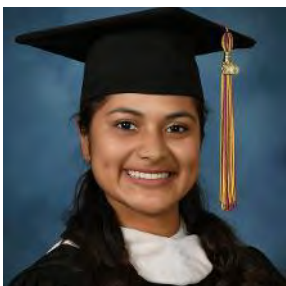
Alexis Robles
Biology



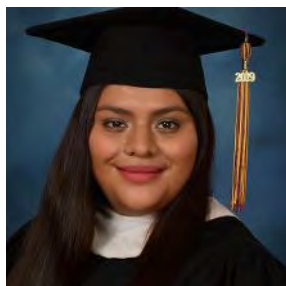
Cynthia Rodriguez
Sociology



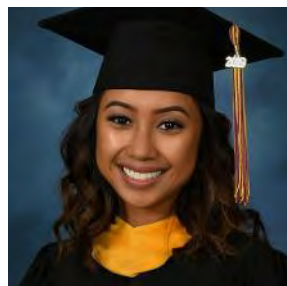
Lucero Rosas
Social Work



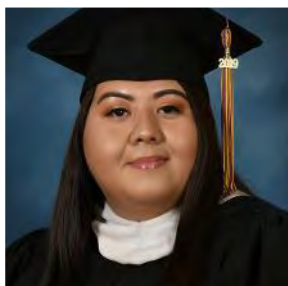
Katherine Salmeron
Healthcare Policy



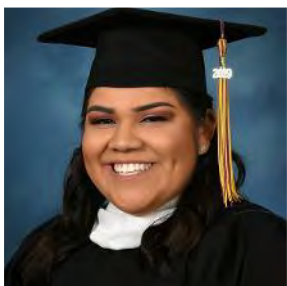
Monserrat Sanchez
Business Administration/
MKT



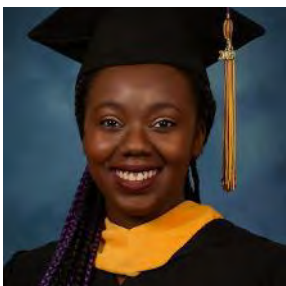
Johanna Santiago
Nursing



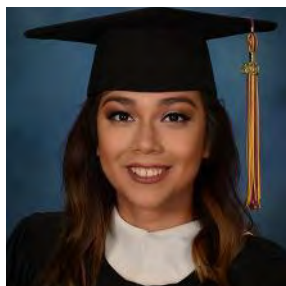
Emily Saucedo
Sociology



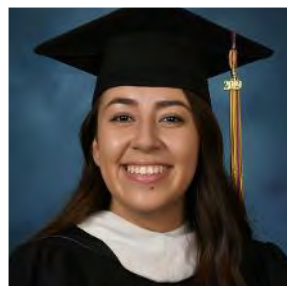
Sidney Serrano
Psychology



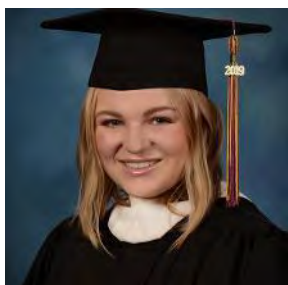
Elizabeth Victoria
Shokoya
Biochemistry



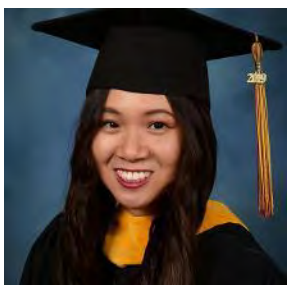
Lizeth Sican
Child Development



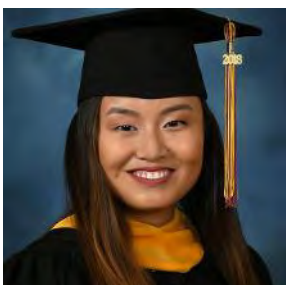
Isabel Soto
Political Science



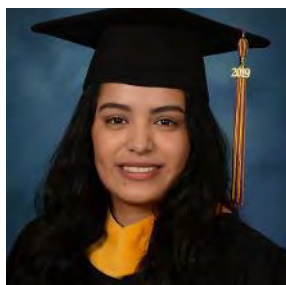
Kelsey Squire
Healthcare Policy



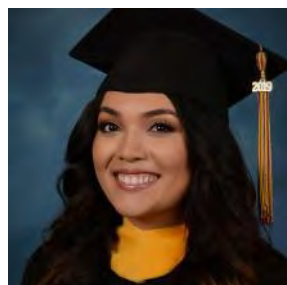
Jeannica Tan
Nursing



Andrielle Tiu
Nursing



Celeste Tobar
Chemistry

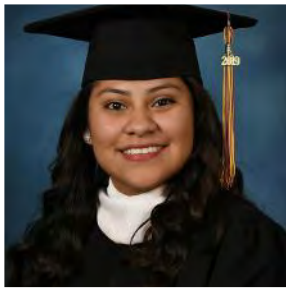


Ashley Tojong
Nursing

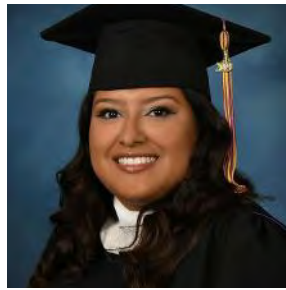




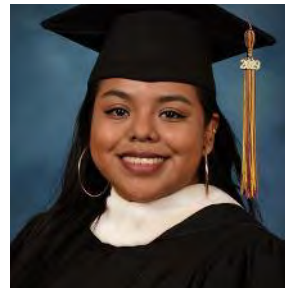
Alyssayvette
Torreflores
Nursing



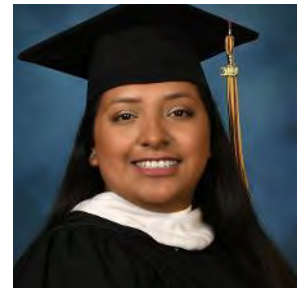
Ivet Trinidad
Psychology, COU



Lilybeth Valencia
Psychology, COU



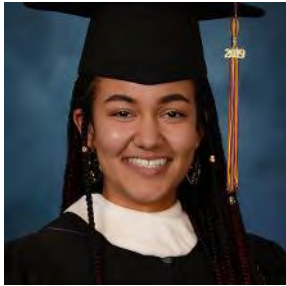
Angela Vasquez
Film and Media



Jocelyn Velasquez
Spanish Studies/TRN



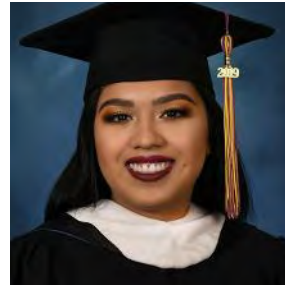
Cheri Villanueva
Nursing



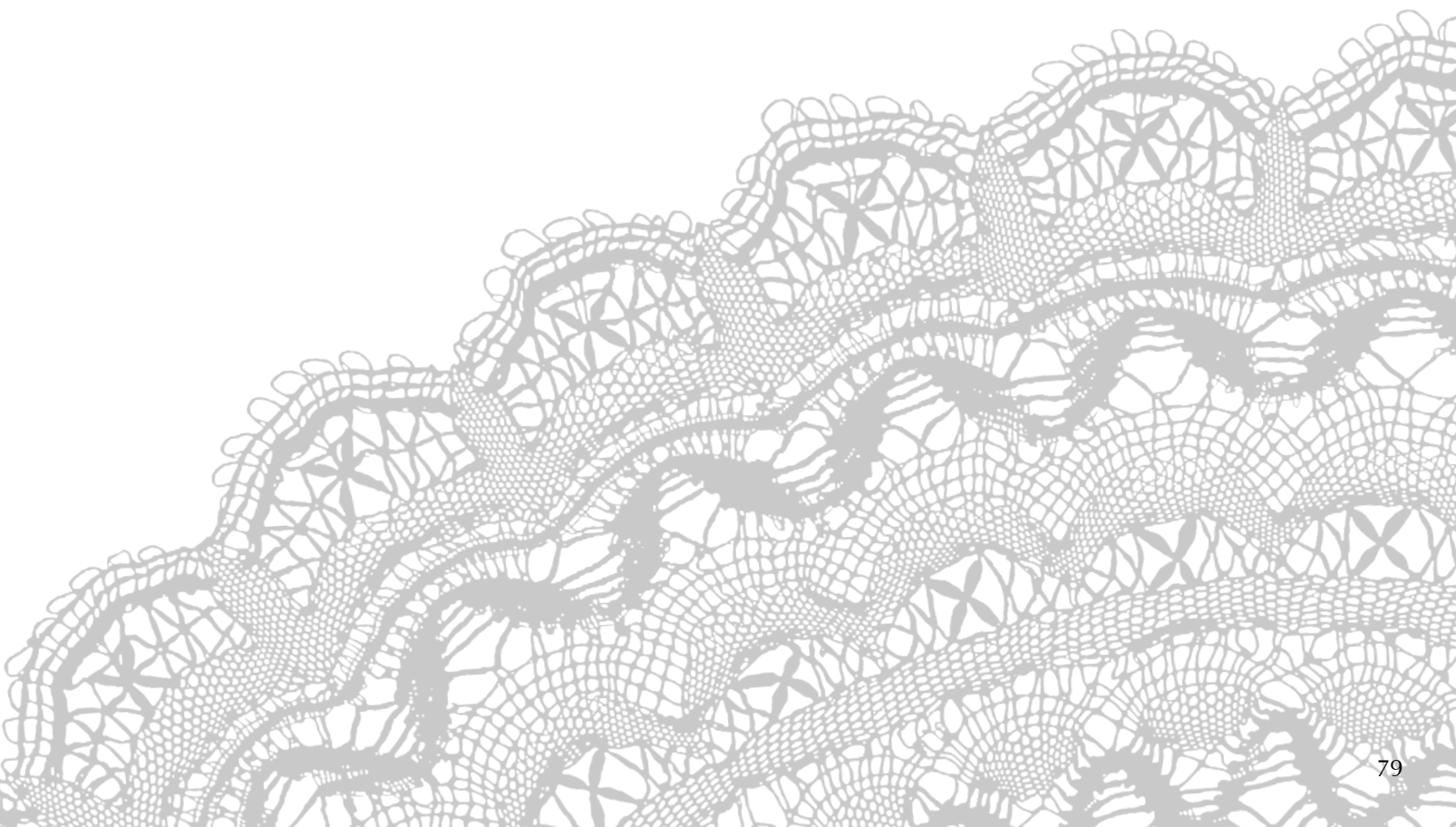
Asia White
Psychology, COU



Patricia Yam
Nursing



Bernice Zacarias
Psychology, COU



Sara Alanis Paredes



To our Sarita:

We are so proud of the young woman you have become and all that you have accomplished! You have shown dedication not only to your education but to your family as well. You are an amazing mentor to the kids that you work with. Graduating from MSMU is just one of the many milestones to come your way and we want you to know that we will always be there to support you.

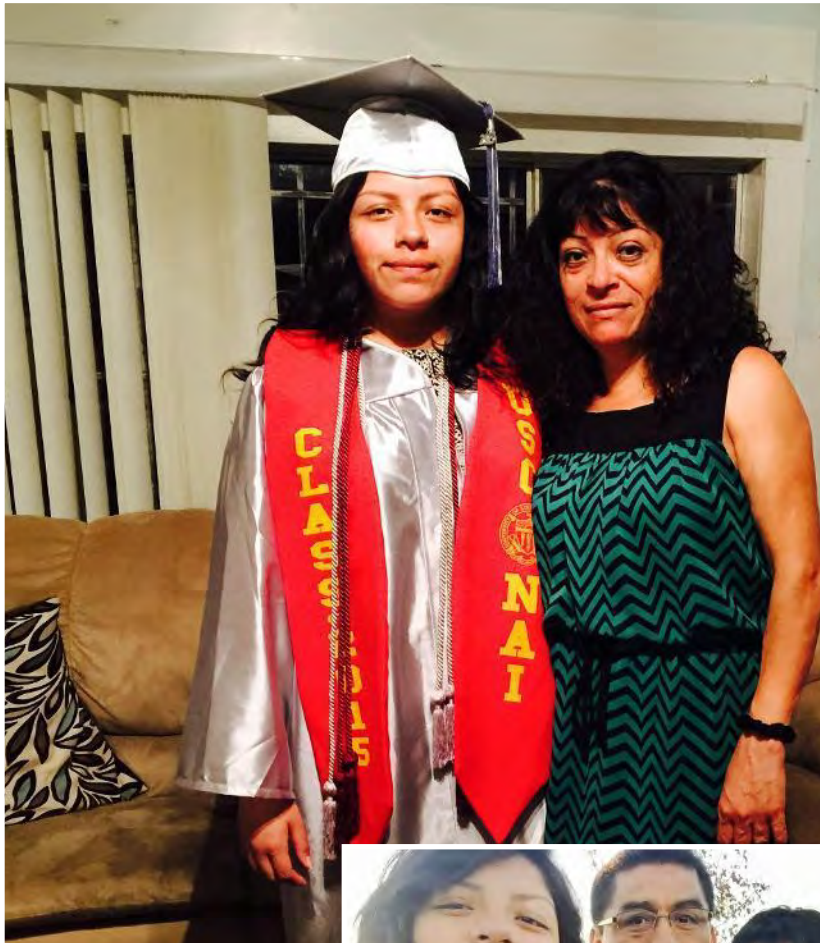
Follow your heart and believe in yourself. May you have the courage and strength to face challenges that life sets forth and may you have the wisdom to choose wisely. Never lose sight of your dreams and never compromise anything to reach them.

We can't wait to see what your bright future holds! Love you so much!

Stay Golden.....

Mom, Dad, Chubbs, Stubbs, Mama, Tata, Nino, Sasha, Suzy, Randy and Titi

Leslee Perez



LESLEE, le pido a DIOS que te guarde donde quiera que vayas. Que guarde tu salida & tu entrada, hoy manana & siempre; que realices todas tus metas. Mira que te mando que te esfuerces y seas valiente; no temas ni desmayes, porque Jehová tu Dios estará contigo en dondequiera que vayas. JOSUE 1:9 Te amo mi princesa, TU MADRE

HIJA: aim high, don't let your guard down. SIEMPRE recuerda, no hay elevador hacia el exito. You must go step by step. Always keep a mind set of a leader & Dios primero en todo lo que emprendas, para que prosperes. Acuérdate de tu Creador en los días de tu juventud, antes que vengan los días malos, y lleguen los años de los cuales digas: No tengo en ellos contentamiento; eclesiastes 12:1 So proud of you. Your father.

Mitzi Queenie Dominguez Lustina

Greetings from Dad & Mom, Sister: Jade, and
Twin Brothers: Caillo & Dylan

So proud to have our eldest to graduate...Why?

From Elementary to High School:
Consistent Honor and Academics Awardee
Soccer Player
Polynesian Dancer
Choir Member
Church Volunteer

College Days
Hiphop Dancer
Pangkat Filipino Member
Na Pua O Ka'Aina Member & Secretary
2018-2019

These are just some of her achievements that,
we as parents, are proud of and have cherished
the most.

She is a very organized person. She stays focused
on her studies. Despite having fun during her
free time, she prioritizes her education and
family first. Thank you for being a good daughter
and a model to your siblings. We love you so
much.

MITZI QUEENIE DOMINGUEZ
LUSTINA...Congratulations and may GOD
always be at your side, light your path and may
you reach your dreams in life...



Anna Edang



You've come so far, and with your talent and determination, there's no limit how far you'll go! You'll always be our baby even as you grow and have now become a strong and beautiful woman right before our eyes...Congratulations our dear Anna!

We love you...
Daddy & Mommy

Glyssayvette Tan Torreflores

To our sweet,
accomplished
daughter,
With the success of
graduation comes more
challenges and
opportunities in life.
Face them both with
the same positive
outlook and
determination as you
have always done.
Always trust God and
be humble.
Congratulations on
your graduation and
best wishes for your
future life!!!
We love you and pray
for your continued
success.
Love and Blessings,
Dad and Mom

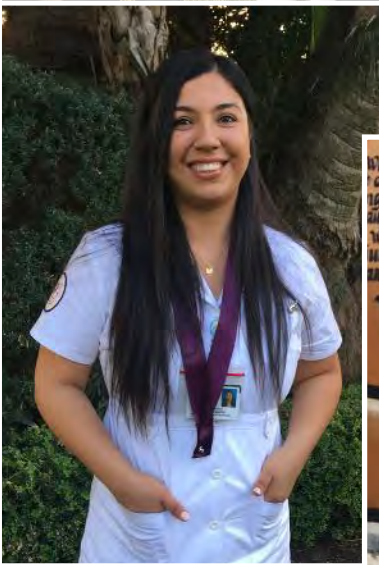


Felina Rose Ramos,

RGN

Our Dearest Felina Rose,
A Daughter is a Gift to the Heart, a
Friend to the Soul and a Unique
Thread to the Beauty of Life.
We are so proud of you!

Xo, Mom & Dad, and Family



Meghan Mai



Dear Meghan,
Congratulations on a
successful college career and
best of luck moving forward!
Love,
Christopher

Meghan,
Congrats on your graduation
and everything you've
accomplished and everything
you WILL accomplish.
Love,
Emily



Dear Meghan,
Congratulations!!!! I hope
you become president. And I
hope we can do dance
battles in the Oval Office!!
Love,
Andrew (your favorite sibling)



Dearest Meghan,

You AMAZE me with what you do! You set
your sights on something and you go for it...
with such heart! You've succeeded in earning
a leadership position at your BELOVED
MSMU and making it a better place for all.

Keep developing your talents because you
have so much to offer the world. Everyone
benefits from your generosity and hard work.
You've dedicated your young life to great
social causes even though, at times, you seem
alone in doing so. Don't ever blend in because
you were born to stand out, Meghan!

I'm so very proud of all you've
accomplished!! CONGRATULATIONS on
your Graduation!!

Love you more than you know,
MOM



Meghan:
You make us proud with your
leadership and dedication to
social causes and we know
you will make your mark on
the world. Congratulations on
finishing your college career!
Love,
Di Trang and family

Meghan, I'm so proud. You
accomplished so much these
past few years. I hope the best
for you for your journey
beyond college.
Congratulations!!
Love,
Matthew

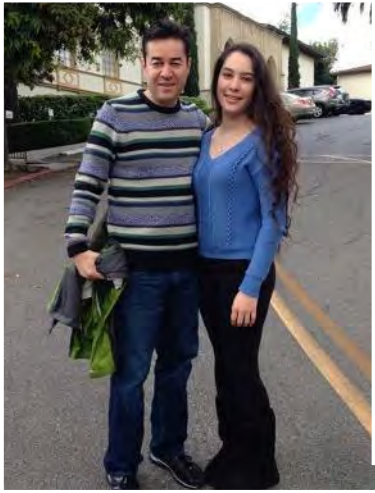
Keep speaking out, Meghan!
You're amazing!
Love,
Jane



Dear Meghan,
What can I say except that
you're BEAUTIFUL, you're
SMART, and you PERSEVERE.
You always go for what you
want no matter what the
challenges are. I'm so proud of
all your accomplishments! Keep
up the good work!

Love you,
DAD

Madison Marie Baca

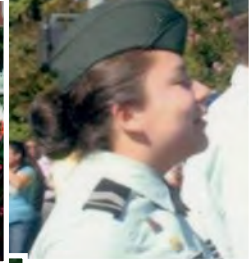


Congratulations Madison Marie Baca Class of 2019

Mommy, Daddy, Kennedy and Jackson are so proud of your successful accomplishments.

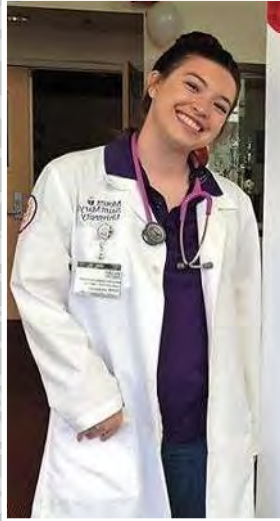
You climbed and conquered the Mount.

Way To Go Maddy!!!



Enjoy your Graduation Unstoppable Lady!

Elisabeth Hall



Congratulations Elisabeth!

You are an inspiration to all of us. You have achieved your goals every step of your journey with success. You are kind, compassionate, smart, and funny too! Never stop striving for more, you are going to make a wonderful nurse.

We are so proud of you, Bethie.
We love you!
Mama, Jenn, and Steph

Congratulations Graduates!
Together,
we are Unstoppable

How are Athenians carrying on the legacy of the Sisters?



Jessica Ramirez

Chalon, second year, Liberal Studies

I remember taking a course where I learned about the legacy of the Sisters. I learned to help your dear neighbors which made me reflect on why I wanted to be a teacher. I plan on carrying that moral value by giving a child the experience of loving school which helps them attain an education and helps them grow.



Alezey Cortez

Doheny, first year, Biology

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by becoming a doctor. In my profession, I plan on spreading love, joy, happiness and care. By doing so, I will be helping my dear neighbor.



America Bernal

Doheny, first year, Pre-Nursing

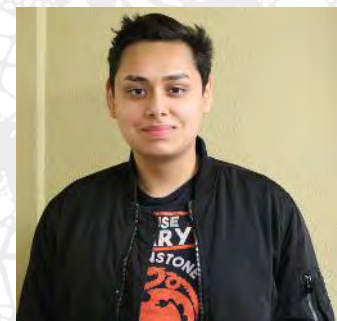
I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by helping those in need with care.



Mariah Martinez

Chalon, Second Year, Psychology

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by becoming a therapist and helping women and children to become more confident and self-aware.



Dacotah Fierro

Chalon, Second year, Nursing

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by helping my patients make beneficial life choices.



Julia Paredes

Doheny, first year, Pre-Nursing

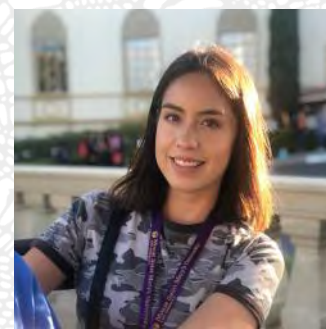
I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by being helpful to others.



Reena Palero

Chalon, Third year, Social Work

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by helping my future.



Rocio Cruz-Garcia

Chalon, Third year, Film and Media

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by not filtering out people who do good because we are all equal and everyone deserves to be given light, love, and charity.



Jessica Hernandez

Chalon, second year, Film, Media, and Social Justice

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by creating media content that promotes empathy for all and I will create films that unify, not separate.



Sarah Cortinez

Chalon, second year, Liberal Studies

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by giving back to my community and to children by becoming a teacher.



Alexa Alvaran

Doheny, first year, Pre-Nursing

I plan on carrying the legacy of the Sisters by spreading any help that I can to communities.



Yearbook Staff

2018-2019

Being a part of the yearbook staff at the Mount has been a wonderful experience. My two years at the Mount has given me the opportunity to grow and create new memories. I received a position on the yearbook staff my second semester of my freshman year. After that, I fell in love with my position because of the great work environment and the wonderful staff. To my surprise, I was offered the role of Editor-in-Chief at the start of my sophomore year. At first, I was hesitant because this was only my second semester of being a part of the yearbook and I did not see myself as a leader. In high school, I never joined the yearbook team so I did not have much experience. My supervisors, Dr. Faraah Mullings and Jennifer Frias, reassured me that I was fit for the role and could exceed the standards of Editor-in-Chief. Taking on that role was a great decision because it helped me fill the shoes of a leader and create this yearbook. I would like to thank my staff members, Amaya, Apekshya, and Jessica for coming together and finishing this yearbook with me. We became a strong team and managed to deliver something we are proud of.



Evelyn Avila

Editor-in-Chief



Dr. Faraah Mullings
Supervisor



Jennifer Frias
Adviser



Apekshya Nepal
Design Editor



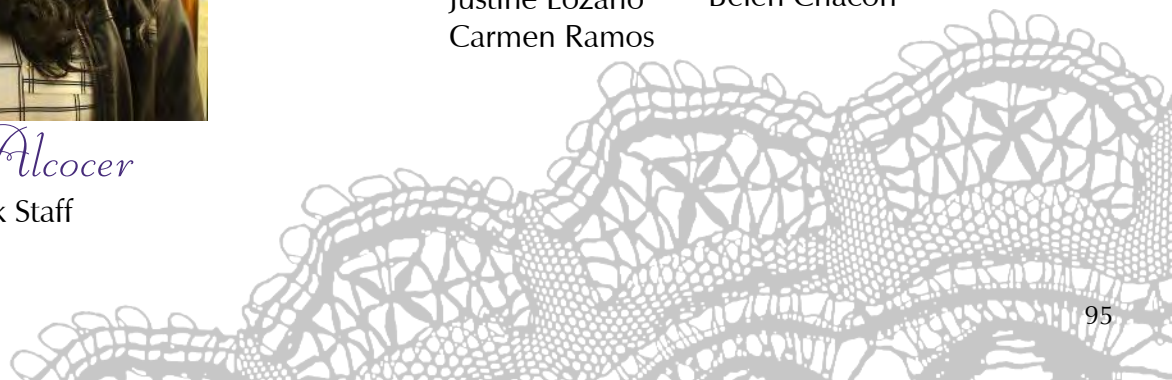
Amaya Caballero
Section Editor



Jessica Alcocer
Yearbook Staff

Special Thanks to our Guest Contributors:

Emily Saucedo	Shannon Green
Helen Umana	Caitlyn Keeve
Vernice Grajeda	Jennifer Frias
Menise Lyons	Brittany Skiles
Reena Palero	Dr. Michelle Melendres
Justine Lozano	Belen Chacon
Carmen Ramos	



A Message From *The President*

The CSJ's were radical women of vision and faith that fuels them to their commitment to social justice. When you come into The Mount, you are a part of that tradition. When I came into The Mount as president, I find that it was not only an opportunity to lead an incredible university, but it was an opportunity to go to a deeper understanding of what it means to be a strong woman of faith who is truly committed to a higher purpose. The sisters allow us to be a part of their work instead of being separate from us and they see Mount Saint Mary's students as a part of them with the same abilities and obligations to lead with love and a sense of social justice. When I think of examples of their courage over time on things that needed doing, they just did it. That inspires us to respond to the needs of students in direct ways and not just long-term approaches. One sister knew how to make lace, and she taught women how to make lace and sell that lace to have a life of security and dignity. Education was their first ministry. The Mount is the 21st-century version of that ministry, and we are transforming lives

through education. Students come here with big dreams and great aspirations. It's particularly moving that there are so many first-generation women attending the Mount. Students here are focused and serious about their studies. They are joyful people as well and are genuinely grateful that the Mount has given them opportunities that they wouldn't have gotten otherwise. Our students are social justice minded and see the needs of our communities and want to change things.

"I believe that Mount Saint Mary's women, and a few good men, are truly unstoppable."

MSMU students are inspired by strong leadership and see education as a way to a life of purpose. Whatever that life they dream of is, that life will be a life that impacts others in positive ways. I see that every

day in the students that come here, and I definitely see it in our alums in whatever they are doing. Part of their life's work is to better the world.

Mount Saint Mary's is a unique place because we are CSJ. That means as a women's university, we're focused on developing strong women. Empowering women which is entirely CSJ, is done through their vision of leadership which is serving your community and in unifying love. I feel that we are gifted here because we are clear in who we are and what we're about. Our students are clear in who they are and what they are about.



A message to the class of 2019:

You need to be fierce advocates for change. You need to be relentless in your efforts. You need to be fearless in pursuing what is just. You need to stand up for the people who are being oppressed, who are being hurt. The CSJ's calls our students to transform the lives of others and to use all the gifts they have to bring people together. It takes hard work, you need to be resilient, you need to be strong, you need to be focused, and you need to be joyful.

- Ann McElaney-Johnson, Ph.D.



Walsworth